Twelve Plates

OF

ENGLISH SILVER COINS

From the NORMAN CONQUEST

to HENRY *the* EIGHTH *Inclusive*

with

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and Short

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PREFACE

TO THE

READER.

THE various Diſſertations upon antient *Engliſh* Coins, which have been publiſhed by ſome Gentlemen of exalted Genius, and diſtinguiſhed Merit, (particularly the excellent Table of *Engliſh* Silver Coins, from the *Norman Conqueſt*, by the late worthy Preſident of the *Royal Society*. A Work that will ever engage our Admiration for the Author and his Abilities,) have rendered any Thing further upon that Subject altogether ſuperfluous, other than occaſionally to offer and ſubmit a few Conjectures as they have occurred in the Courſe of this Work, which, by the Perſuaſion of ſome Friends, though contrary to our original Deſign, we have been prevailed on to add, which therefore we hope will be received with Candour.

The firſt five Plates contain near 220 Heads and Reverſes of the moſt ſcarce *Engliſh* Silver Coins, from the Time of *the Conqueror*, to the End of the Reign of *Henry* III. and in the other ſeven Plates are near 300 more, equally rare, from that laſt Period, unto the End

of the Reign of *Henry* VIII. the Whole being carefully Engraved by the beſt Hands. As the Coins of *Ireland* have already been publiſhed by a very able Gentleman, and as a learned and judicious Antiquary purpoſes, ſpeedily to favour us with ſundry Plates of Coins, of the ſeveral Dukes of *Aquitain*. We've confined ourſelves to *Engliſh* Money only (except in two Reigns) *viz.* In thoſe of King *Richard* I. and King *John*, where we thought proper to give a ſmall Specimen of each, as there are no *Engliſh* Coins of one Prince, and ſo few that can be depended on as true of the other.

It poſſibly may be objected by ſome, who perhaps, are poſſeſſed of a few Coins that are not contained herein, that we have not given a regular Series; we think it therefore neceſſary to mention, that our Intention was not to publiſh all the known *Engliſh* Silver Coins, but only ſuch an agreeable and proper Variety thereof, as was ſufficient, in our Conception, to form the Purſuit of the young Collector in his Enquiry; the Dealer in Silver Coins in his Purchaſe; and, if poſſible, to contribute ſomething to the Amuſement of the more Experienced.

The Taſk of exhibiting each Prince's particular Coin to the View of the Public, would be very arduous and difficult, although undertaken by the joint Aſſiſtance of ſeveral Gentlemen verſed in the Study. Each Day almoſt bringing to Light ſome new and additional Piece, either in Reſpect to the Reverſe thereof, or ſome particular Inſcription, long buried in the Bowels of the Earth, or reſcued out of the Hands of the Ignorant.

By the kind Aſſiſtance of our Friends, we could

have

have furniſhed a ſufficient Number of Coins to fill at leaſt Twenty-four Plates from that Period of Time only, which is here compriſed in Twelve, and are fully ſatisfied from a very exact Calculation, that not leſs than One Hundred and Fifty would contain all the Varieties of our *Engliſh* Coin now extant, from the Conqueſt to the preſent Time; notwithſtanding a Gentleman whoſe Abilities are well known, hath (as we preſume miſtakenly) aſſerted, that it was impoſſible to Publiſh a Set of Sixty Plates of *Engliſh* and *Aquitain* Coins, even joined together.

Nine or Ten of the Repreſentations in this Work are Copied from Engravings, Five whereof are Coins of *Richard* I. and we have accordingly mentioned the Authors and Occaſion.

This Impartiality we could wiſh others to Obſerve, and cannot forbear Recommending; the ultimate End of our Deſign being with a View to Inſtruct and not miſlead, how far we have ſucceeded we leave to the Judicious, who only know the Difficulties attendant upon Searches of this kind, and to them only we ſubmit.

Note, Some of the Plates and Coins in our firſt Impreſſion, are without the Numbers and Figures prefix'd, as in this; our Intention at that Time being to publiſh the Plates only, without making any Obſervations thereon, but that Omiſſion may be readily ſupplied with the Pen, by thoſe who ſhall think proper to have the additional Notes.

A Brief

A brief Account of the Number of ancient *Engliſh* Silver COINS, which have been ſold at different public Sales, within Fifteen Years laſt, exhibiting, at one View, the Number of each King's Coins, and what the Whole was ſold for; together with the Value of each, upon an Average, calculated as well for the Uſe of Purchaſers, as for the Preſervation of our ancient Money.

KINGS NAMES	No. of Silver Coins ſold.	What each King's Silver Money ſold for.			Value of each Coin on an Average			As ſome Coins of each King are far more ſcarce than others, we thought proper to diſtinguiſh them in their Succeſſion, as *Vaillant*, *Iobert*, *Patarol*, and others, have done the *Roman*.
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WILLIAM I. and II.	152	33	5	0	0	4	4	Thoſe with a Canopy, like the firſt in our Plate, moſt ſcarce.
HENRY I. —	30	24	4	6	0	16	0	Thoſe, like the Conqueror's, moſt rare.
STEPHEN and EUSTATIUS. —	29	36	7	6	1	5	1	Thoſe with two Figures and *Euſtatius's*, moſt valuable
HENRY II. —	34	4	11	0	0	2	8	Thoſe, which are finely preſerved, are not common.
JOHN —	20	12	0	0	0	12	0	Thoſe, ſtruck in *Ireland*, in his Father's Time, moſt ſcarce.
HENRY III. —	123	5	3	6	0	0	10	Thoſe, with *Terci* and *Angli*, moſt rare.
EDWARD I. —	174	24	16	0	0	2	10	His Groats exceeding rare, and his Pence with *Robertus de Hadl'*. and *Robert de Hadeleie* are ſcarce.
EDWARD II. —	56	2	9	0	0	0	10½	His Pence of *Briſtollie*, *Novicaſtri*, and *Eboraci*, moſt rare.
EDWARD III. —	124	6	14	6	0	1	1	His and his Son's Coins, ſtruck in *Aquitaine*, are far more ſcarce than *Engliſh*.
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HENRY IV. —	43	2	4	6	0	1	0	His Groats are extreamly ſcarce; thoſe ſold in the late Sales, for his, were realy his Son's or Grandſon's.
HENRY V. —	71	3	8	0	0	0	11½	His *Engliſh* Coins are not ſo rare as thoſe ſtruck in *France*.
HENRY VI. —	54	9	4	6	0	3	4	His *Engliſh* Silver more common than the *Iriſh*, or *French*.
EDWARD IV. —	190	12	11	0	0	1	3½	Ditto, Ditto.
RICHARD III. —	20	19	10	0	0	19	6	The 20 here mentioned are all Groats; his Half-Groats extremely rare.
HENRY VII. —	100	45	10	6	0	9	1	His Shillings are more rare than his Sovereigns of Gold
HENRY VIII —	267	27	12	6	0	2	1	His Shillings ſcarce, his *Tournay* Groats more ſcarce, and his Crown, we think the moſt valuable of any Coin from the Conqueſt to the End of his Reign.

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To the CURIOUS.

GENTLEMEN,

AS ſeveral ingenious Antiquarians have given us the Hiſtory of our *Engliſh* Coins, any Thing further on that Head might be thought unneceſſary; yet as they have one and all been extremely deficient in giving the young Collector proper Lights and Information relating to the Value of each King's Money, the unſkilful Enquirer frequently loſes an Opportunity of ſecuring a rare Coin, that may not fall in his Way again in many Years.

Therefore to prevent ſuch Diſappointment, the Publiſher of this Work hopes the Calculation hereto annexed will be kindly received, which is only a ſhort Abſtract from various Catalogues of the moſt remarkable Sales that have been within theſe fifteen Years. And as the Deſign of the Proprietors is to make theſe Plates of univerſal Service not only to Antiquarians but to Goldſmiths, Refiners, and all Dealers in Silver, in Town and Country, who, for Want of friendly Inſtruction, are unacquainted with the Value of thoſe Rarities, which occaſions their being flung into the melting Pot: A deſtructive Practice that has already deprived the fineſt Collections in the Kingdom of a *Richard* the Firſt, and an *Engliſh John*; and, if not diſcontinued, will, in a ſhort Time, make our *Engliſh* Series even more ſcarce than the *Roman*.

Several Friends have petitioned us to ſet forth the Value of each ſeparate Coin: And it was under Conſideration; but we declined it, thinking it might prove diſpleaſing to a very reſpectable Body of Gentlemen, and not of any great Moment to the Goldſmiths, as the Price of every ſcarce Piece depends much on its Preſervation, but more on the *Generoſity* of the Purchaſer, that we think the following Abſtract will prove a ſufficient Guide to all, and diſpleaſing to none, which is the ſincere Deſire of,

GENTLEMEN,

Your much obliged Servants,

ROBERT WITHY.
JOHN RYALL.

Fleet-Street,
May 31, 1756.

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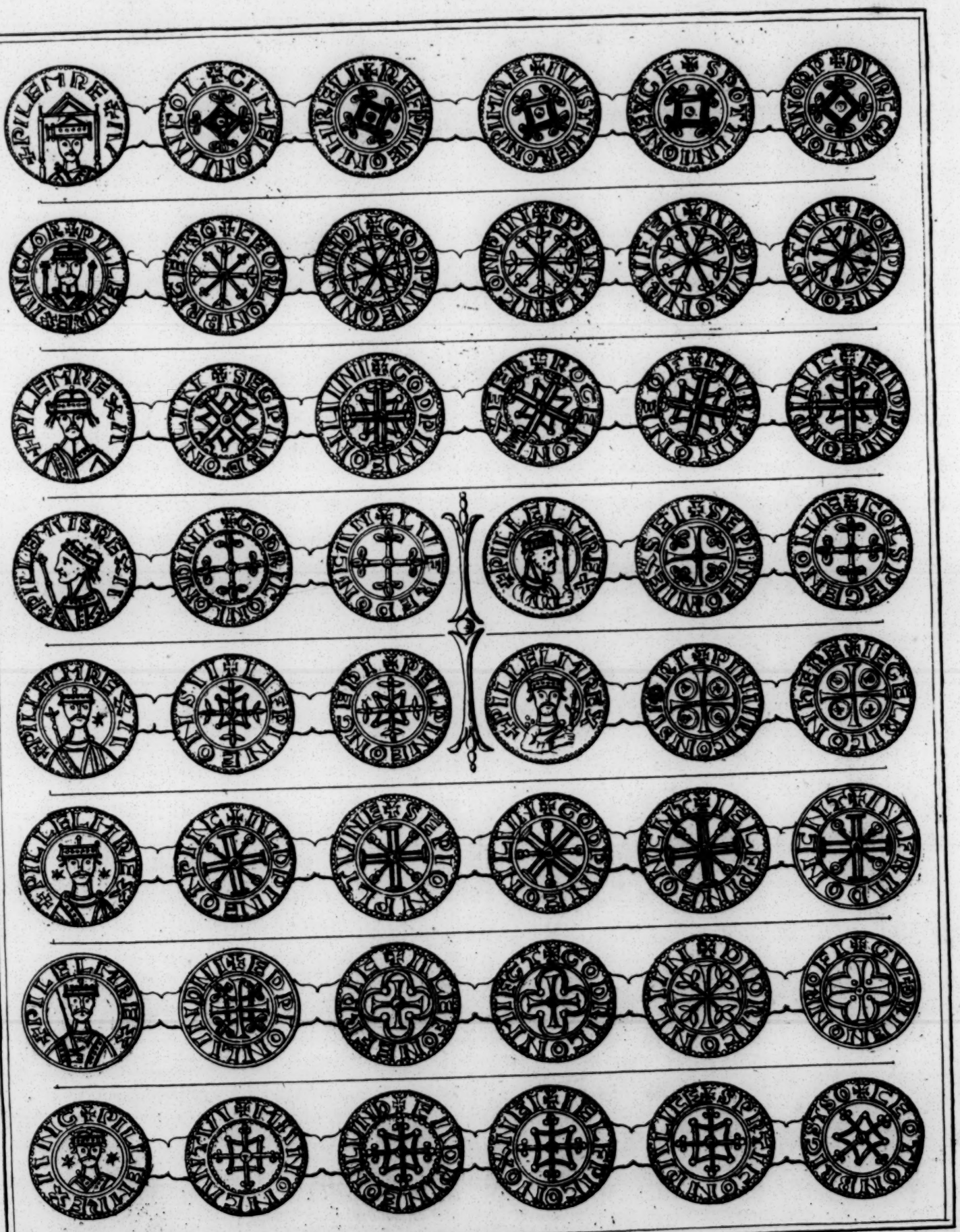

PLATE, I.

INSCRIPTIONS on the COINS of WILLIAM the First and Second.

HEAD.	REVERSE.	HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.		N°.	
1. PILEM, REX. IV.	Cimel, on Lincol	20. PILLELM, REX. A	Lifpine, on Su
2. ditto	Refpine, on Hreli	21. ditto	Pelpine, on Gepi
3. ditto	Aliſtmer, on Pimre	22. PILLELM, REX.	Pinvric, on Suthri
4. ditto	Spottini, on Exce	23. ditto	Jegelric, on Here
5. ditto	Durcgrim, on Norp	24. PILLELM, REX.	Aldpine, on Pinc.
6. PILLEM. REX. ANGLOR.	Ceorl, on Brigetſo	25. ditto	Sepi, on Pltune
7. ditto	Godpine, on Lundi	26. ditto	Godpine, on Lun
8. ditto	Spentlinc, on Pin	27. ditto	Jelfpine, on Cnt
9. ditto	Arthur, on Rufei	28. ditto	Alfrad, on Cnt
10. ditto	Eorpine, on Stan	29. PILELM, REX.	Edpi, on Lundni
11. PILEM, REX. A	Segparth, on Lin	30. ditto	A'ef, on Efrpic
12. ditto	Godpine, on Luni	31. ditto	Godric, on Mifgt
13. ditto	Roger, on Exeer	32. ditto	Didric, on Lun
14. ditto	Murfin, on Eof	33. ditto	Guthrien, on Rofi
15. ditto	Eadpine, on Pinc	34. PILLEM, REX. ANG.	Man, on Cantvi
16. PILLEMVS, REX. A	Godric, on Londini	35. ditto	Eadpine, on Lund
17. ditto	Lufred, on Can	36. ditto	Jelfpic, on Oxnei
18. PILLELM, REX.	Sepine, on Jexſei	37. ditto	Sprtic, on Palice
19. ditto	Colſpgen, on Æ	38. ditto	Ceoti, on Brigſtſo

OBSERVATIONS

ON THE

Coins of *William* I. and II.

PLATE 1*ſt*.

THIS Plate exhibits an Engraving of ſome of the Silver Pennies of *William* the *Conqueror*, and his Son and Succeſſor *Rufus*, they not Coining any other Sort of Money.

From the Conqueſt to the Eighteenth of *Edward* III. the Pennies differ but little in Weight (when perfect and unclipt) and are of the old Standard, or Sterling, *viz*. 11 oz. and 2 penny wts. fine, and 18 penny wts. alloy to the Pound Troy, and in Size much the ſame as deſcribed in the Five following Plates.

In a late and valuable Work, we are informed, that the full Standard Weight of our Money (for Two Hundred Years after the Conqueſt) was 24 Grains Troy; but with deference to the Author, it moſt certainly did not exceed 22 Grains and a Half *.

The *Conqueror* and his Three immediate Succeſſors, on their Coin uſed the *Saxon* Ƿ, i. e. W. We mention this, becauſe the leſs Accurate may take it for the

* See Mr. FOLKES's Tables, Page 3, 4, 5, 8.

Letter P. The *Saxons* had two Sorts of Capital W's, the One denoted VV, which is to be met with frequently on their Coins, and the other thus, Ƿ, and this is the only Mode of expreſſing that *Saxon* Letter upon any Coin after the Conqueſt, until *Henry* II. introduced the W, on his Money, which was continued by his Succeſſors.

We have not hitherto been able to diſtinguiſh with Certainty the *Conqueror*'s Coins, from thoſe of his Son, and next Succeſſor. But conjecture No. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, are his, from bearing a Sceptre in each Hand, the Enſigns of the Crown of *England*, and of his Dukedom of *Normandy*; and that his Son *Rufus* did not bear the Like, was becauſe the *Conqueror*'s eldeſt Son *Robert* was poſſeſſed of that Dukedom. No. 16 and 17 are likewiſe ſuppoſed to be his, they (among others) being found in *Kent*, ſome Years ago, with a like Number of Pennies of the laſt *Harold*, whom the *Conqueror* ſlew in Battle. No. 34 to 38 are uſually placed to *Rufus*, in conformity to *Speed* and others. But Doomſday Book, (which is ſhortly expected in Print) we hope will conduce towards Inveſtigating this Difficulty, as it may give us the Names of thoſe Places, which had the Mintage of Money in the *Conqueror*'s Reign. The one King probably Coining, where the Other did not.

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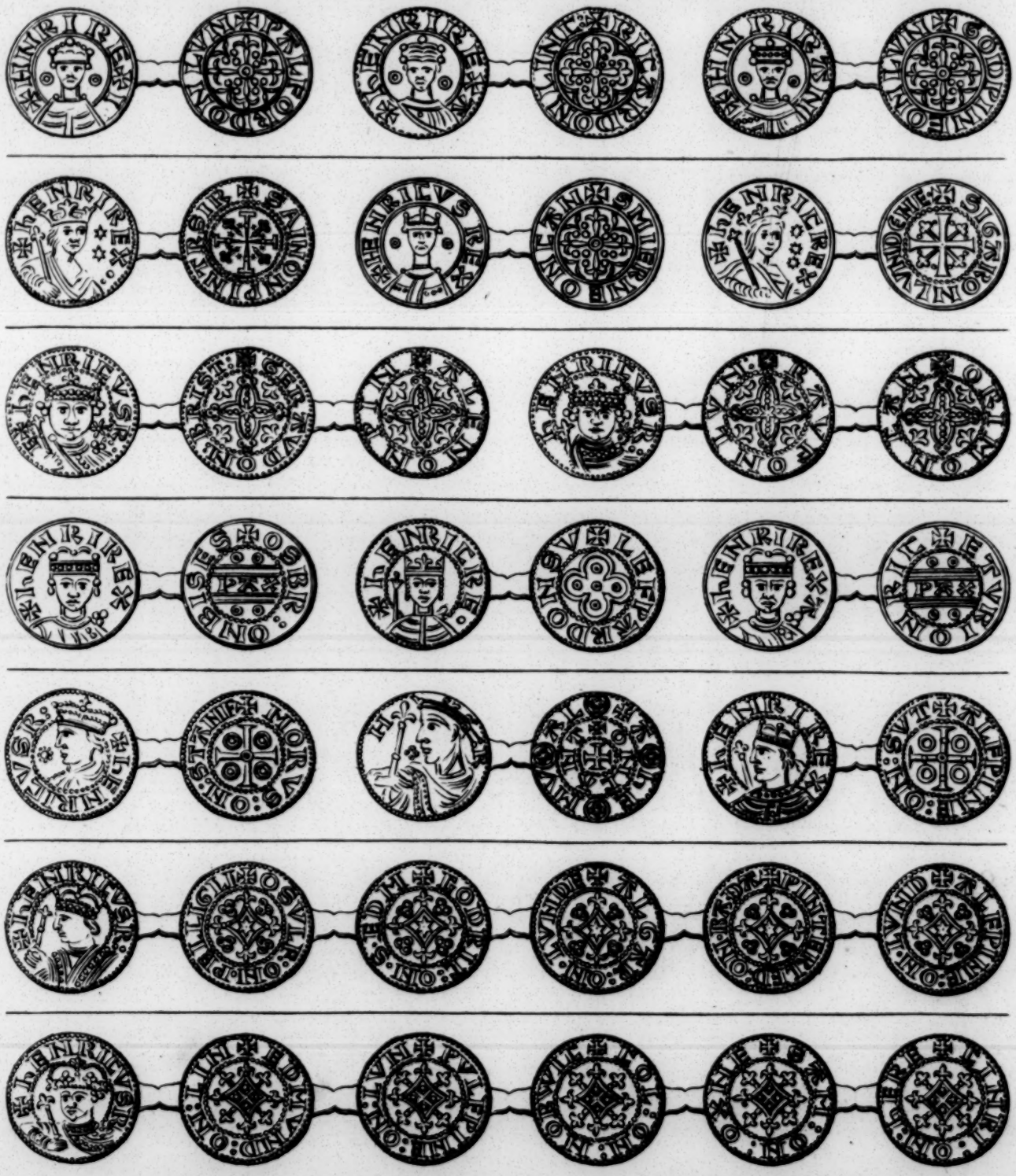
Coins of HENRY the Firſt.



As the Coins of Henry the Firſt, cannot as yet with any degree of certainty be diſtinguiſhd from thoſe minted in the former part of Henry the Seconds Reign, the Proprietors hope the Curious will excuse any Miſtake that may hereafter appear in the diſpoſal of the above.

PLATE, II.

INSCRIPTIONS on the COINS of HENRY the Firſt.

HEAD.	REVERSE.	HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.		N°.	
1. HNRI, REX.	Palford, on Lun	14. HENRICUS, R	Morvs, on Stanf
2. HENRI, REX. A	Ricard, on Linc	15. H——, R	Ahemval, on Cant
3. HNRI, R, AN	Godpine, on Lun	16. HENRI, REX.	Alfpine, on Sut
4. HENRI, REX.	Sain, on Pintrſir	17. HENRICUS, R	Ofvlf, on Peligli
5. HENRICVS, REX.	Smierne, on Can	18. ditto	Godric, on S. Edm.
6. HENRIC, REX.	Sigar, on Lundene	19. ditto	Algar, on Lunde
7. HENRICUS, R	Geraud, on Briſt	20. ditto	Pinterled, on Batha
8. ditto	Alen, on Pin	21. ditto	Alfpine, on Lund
9. HENRICUS, R	Ravf, on Lun	22. HENRICUS, R	Edmund, on Lin
10. ditto	Orim, on Can	23. ditto	Pulfpine, on Lun
11. HENRIC, REX.	Oſbr, on Biſes	24. ditto	Col, on Norwic
12. HENRIC, RE.	Lefpard, on Sv	25. ditto	Sam, on Oxne
13. HENRI, REX. A	Etvri, on Ric	26. ditto	Cinri, on Here

Obſervations on the Coins of Henry I. *Plate 2d.*

NO Coins have hitherto been diſcovered of this King, other than Pennies, *Simon Dunelm* and *Hoveden* the Hiſtorians, indeed ſay, he appointed Halfpence and Farthings, to be Coined round, like Pennies. As this King Reigned long, and had Mints in moſt large Towns, the Variety of the Types in his Money cannot be wondered at, any more than the Rudeneſs of ſome in particular, when we reflect on the Barbariſm of the Times.

There is a great Similitude between the heads of No. 1, 2, 3 and 5, and the three Laſt in the preceeding Plate, and the Reverſe of No. 3, in this, coincides with No. 26 in that, in the Names of the Moneyer and Town, which is our Authority for thus placing them. No. 4 and 6, are very Curious and Rare, No. 4, was found in the Center of a Piece of the ruined Wall, part of the Abby of *Reading* founded by this King; on the Reverſe is the *Saxon Þ*, which in our Obſervation on the firſt Plate was dicontinued by *Henry* II. we mention this becauſe ſome Gentlemen aſcribed this Piece to *Henry* II.

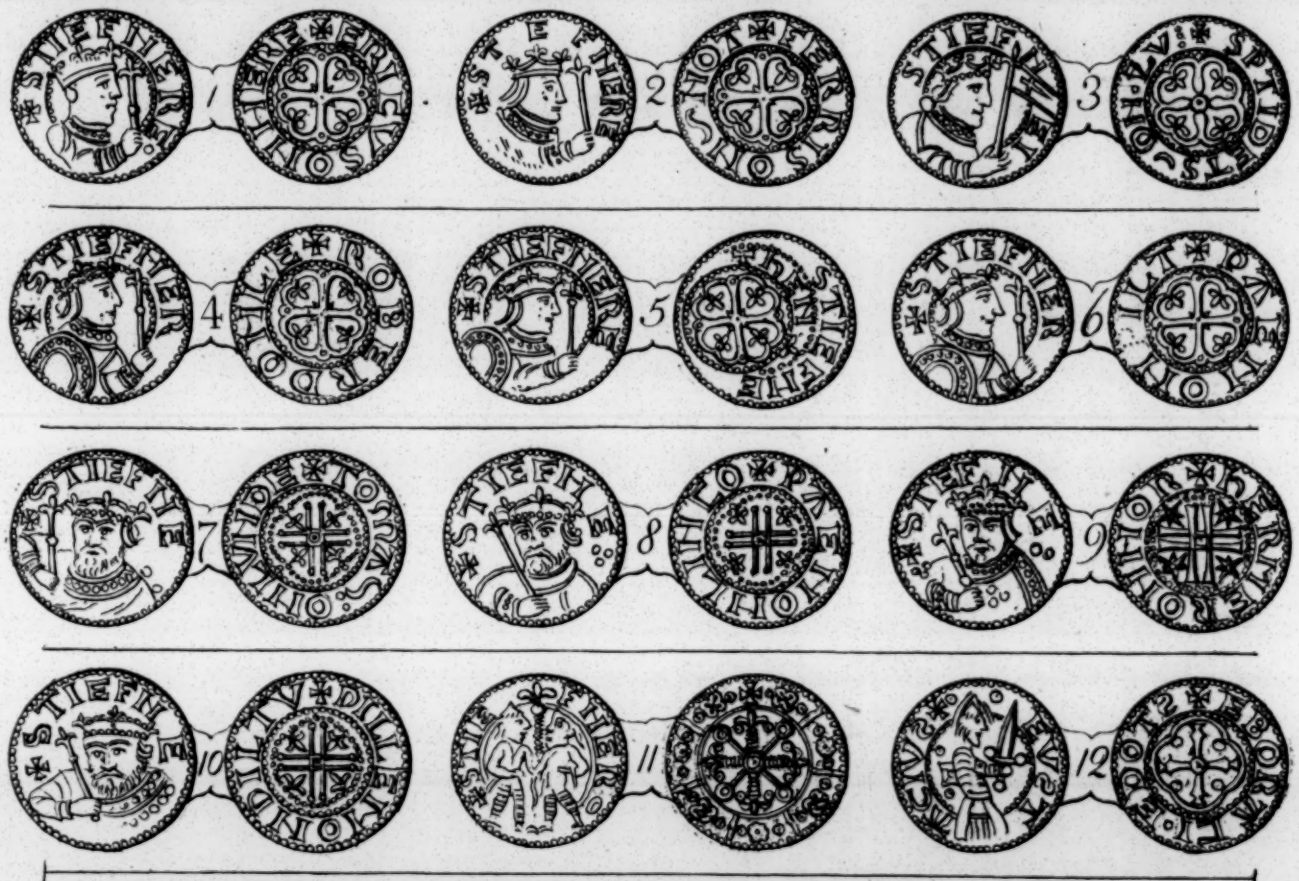
No. 7, 8, 9 and 10, are of the ſame Type with thoſe which *Speed* has given us for *Henry* II. with whom we cannot agree, being ſo widely different from his

his latter Coinage, and on No. 8, the Word *Winton*, is wrote *(Pinton)* agreeable to the Uſage of the *Conqueror*. No. 11, 12 and 13, are undoubtedly Coins of this King, and Mr. *Leake* is of Opinion that thoſe with the Word *Pax*, allude to the Peace he made with his Brother *Robert*.

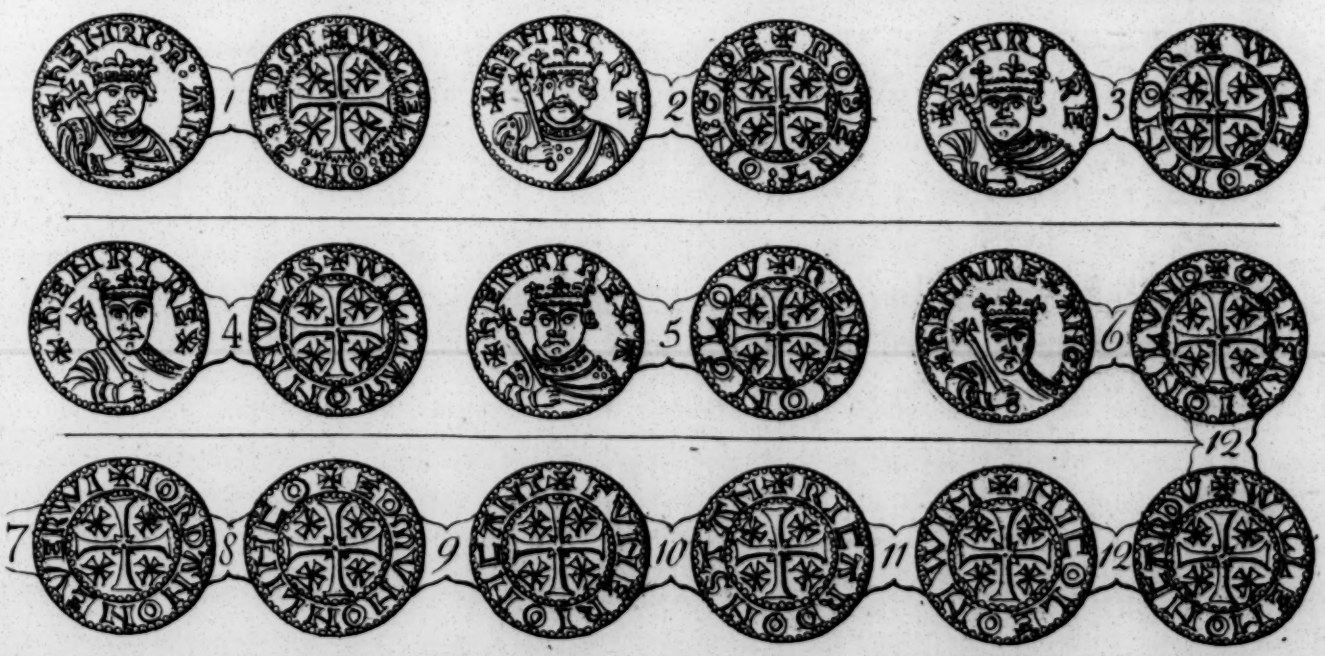
The Reverſes of No. 14 and 16, are far more like the *Conqueror*'s Coins, No. 22 and 23, than any of later date. No. 17 and all in that Row, certainly expreſs a more elevated Genius in the Artiſt, than any of the Former, yet we incline to think they belong to this Prince, though perhaps near the Cloſe of his Reign, and what we hope farther confirms our conjectures that theſe eight Coins are rightly placed is, Mr. *Leake*'s Opinion, that after King *Stephen*'s Reign, all our Money was made full faced till *Henry* VII. introduced the profile Head. This likewiſe was the Opinion of that eminent Antiquary the late Mr. *Ralph Thoreſby*, of *Leeds*, Fellow of the Royal Society. The laſt Five, are doubtfully aſcribed to this King, for on No. 24, Minted at *Norwich*, we find the W, in the ſame Form as *Henry* II. *John*, and *Henry* III. uſed it, and as that Letter appears, after the *Saxon* Mode in the Coins of King *Stephen*, it is probable it was Minted in the former Part of *Henry* IId's Reign. Though it muſt be admitted the Reverſes much Reſemble No. 34 to 38, in the firſt Plate, and on that Account are frequently claſſed with the Coins of this Prince eſpecially by Young Collectors.

Obſer-

Coins of STEPHEN & his Son.



And Henry the Second.



PLATE, III.

Inscriptions on the Coins of STEPHEN and EVSTACIVS.	
HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. STIEFNE, RE	Ericus, on Here
2. STEFNE, RE	Ferris, on Snot
3, STEIFNEI	Sptidets, on Lu
4. STIEFNE, R	Roberd, on Le
5. STIEFNE, RE	Stiefne, Hen
6. STIEFNE, R	Paen, on Pilt
7. STIEFNE	Tomas, on Lunde
8. STIEFNE	Paen, on Linco
9. STEFNE	Hermer, on Nor
10. STIEFNE	Pillem, on Piltv
11. STIEFNE, R	
12. EVSTACIVS	Eboraci, Edots

Inscriptions on the Coins of HENRY the Second.	
HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. HENRI, R. AN	Willelm, on Sedm
2. HENRI, R. A	Robert, on Gipe
3. HENRI, RE	Wiler, on Nor
4. HENRI, REX.	William, on Nvcas
5. HENRI, REX. A	Henri, on Glov
6. HENRI, REX. ANGL.	Geffrei, on Lund
7. ditto	Jordan, on Everwi
8. ditto	Edmvn, on Linco
9. ditto	Funeri, on Cant
10. ditto	Ricard, on Stan
11. ditto	Nicole, on Win
12. ditto	Willem, on Cardv

Obſervations on the Coins of Stephen *and his Son, Pl. 3d.*

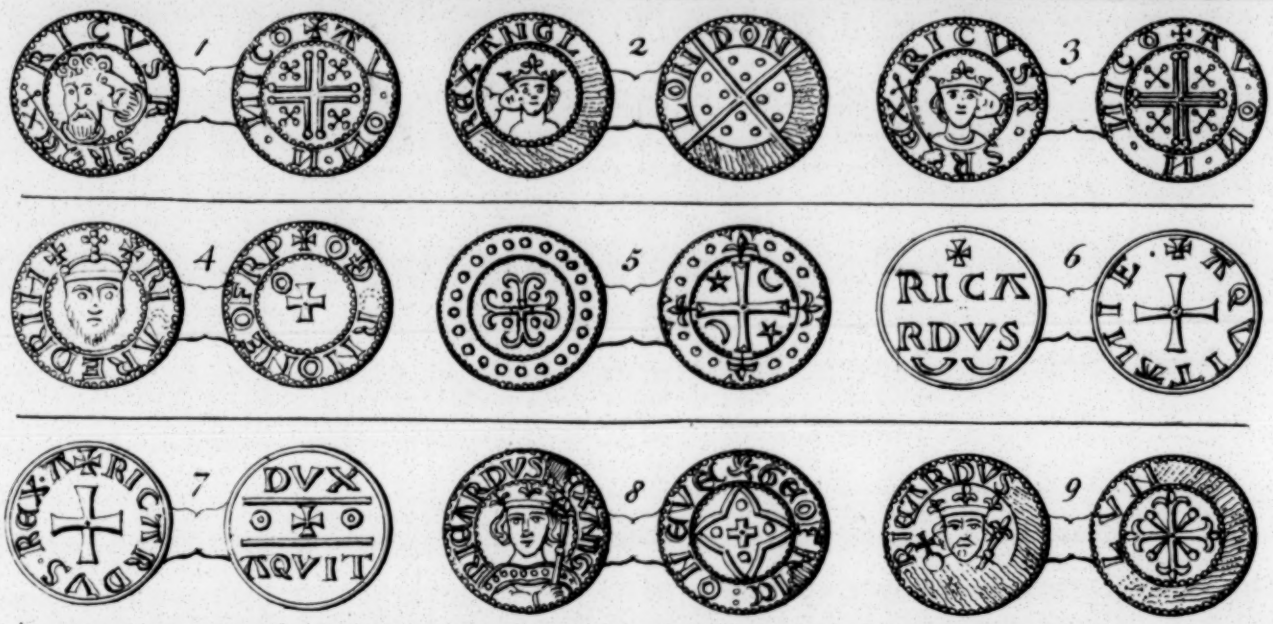
THE Imputation thrown on this King for having his Coin more debaſed, and rudely expreſſed than any of his Predeceſſors, is certainly very unjuſt; indeed the Iniquitous have very much diminiſhed the Weight by clipping, a Practice which prevailed till the modern Method of Coining was invented. No. 3, the King is repreſented bearing a Streamer or Standard in his right Hand, this valuable Piece was lately in the *Cottonian* Collection. No. 9, belongs to Mr. *Hill*, is very curious, having 4 Mullets on the Reverſe, ſimilar to the *Scotch* Coins of *David* I. No. 10, is highly preſerved, and is remarkable for the *Saxon* P. in *William* and *Wilton*. No. 11, is ſingular and rare, the Figures thereon, in the Opinion of many, are *Stephen*, and *Henry* Duke of *Normandy*, who by Virtue of a Treaty made in the 19th Year of *Stephen*, was to ſucceed to the Crown, and upon this Peace, *Stephen* performed the Ceremony of adopting the Duke, a Cuſtom frequent among the *Roman* Emperors. No. 12, is much valued, ſuppoſed to be Minted by *Euſtatius*, *Stephen*'s Son, during the Time of his Government of *York*.

Obſervations on the Coins of Henry II. *Plate* 3*d.*

THE Reign of this King being long, it is probable he Coined a much greater Variety of Money than is exhibited in this Plate. His Monies in general are much clipped and defaced, but a Parcel being lately found on *Bramham Moor*, near *Leeds*, which were tolerably well preſerved, has enabled us to preſent an Engraving of ſome of them, in much greater Perfection than we otherwiſe could have done.

After all, the great Similitude between the Coins of this King and *Henry* I. creates a Difficulty to place them in their proper Claſſes, unleſs the Opinion we formerly gave of this Prince's firſt ſubſtituting the W in the Place of the Saxon Ƿ. ſhould be deemed inconteſtible.

Real & Imaginary Coins of RICHARD the First.



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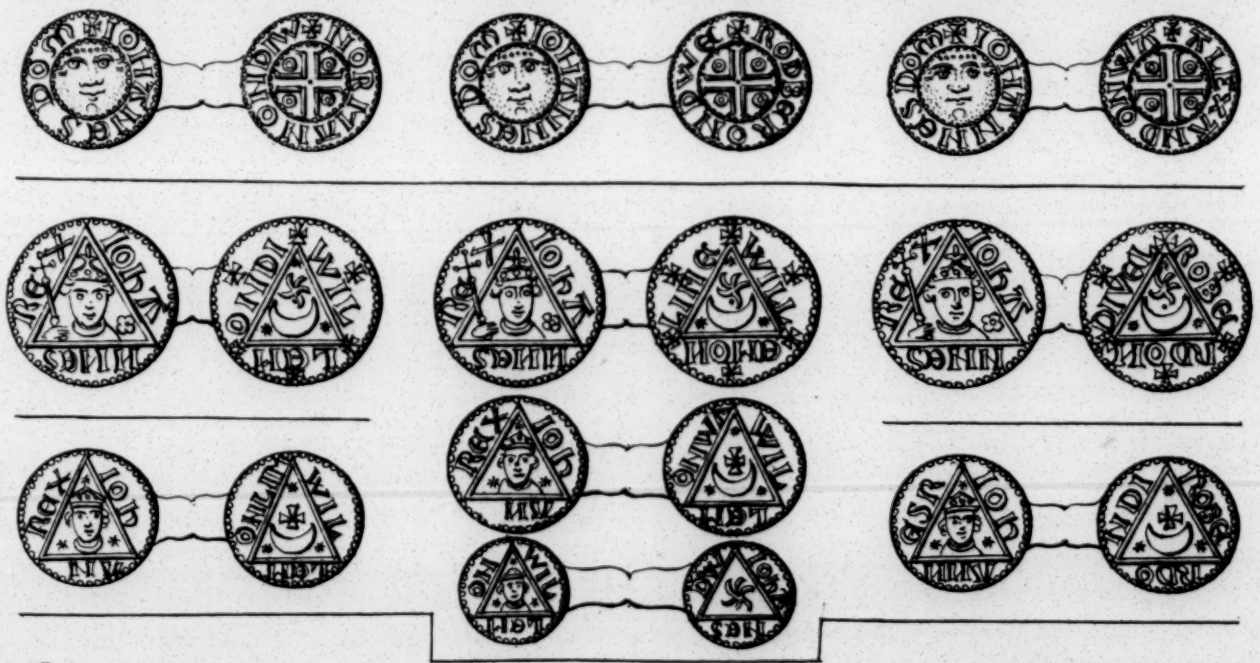

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PLATE, IV.

Inscriptions on the Coins of RICHARD the First.		Inscriptions on the Coins of KING JOHN.	
HEAD.	REVERSE.	HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.		N°.	
1. RCVSRS, REX.	Av, on N. Nico	1. JOHANES, DOM.	Norman, on Diw
2. REX. ANGL	London	2. JOHANNES, DOM.	Rodber, on Dive
3. RICUSRS, REX.	Av, on N. Nico	3. JOHANNES, DOM.	Alexand, on Wa
4. RICARED, RIH	Oth. grn, on Eofrp	4. JOHANNES, REX.	Willem, on Di
6. RICADRVS	Aquitanie	5. ditto	Willem, on Lime
7. RICARDVS, REX. A	Dux, Aquit	6. ditto	Roberd, on Divel
8. RICARDVS, REX. ANG.	Geofrie, on Eve	7. JOHAN, REX.	Willem, on Lim
9. RICARDVS	Lun	8. ditto	Willem, on Wa
		9. JOHANNES, R	Roberd, on Di
		10. WILLELM, ON	Dw, Johanes

Obſervations on the Coins of Richard I. *Plate 4th.*

SO ſcarce are this King's Coins, that Mr. *Folkes* ſays it had not been his Fortune either to ſee any of his Pennies, or to receive any Account of them that he could depend upon.

No. 1, from *Speed*, is a Penny of *Henry* III.

No. 2, mentioned by Mr. *Leake* to be in Mr. *Thoreſby*'s Collection, is ſo very imperfect, as to be impoſſible to ſay to whom it belongs, but probably to *Edward* I.

No. 3, from *Rapin*, is a Coin likewiſe of *Henry* III. theſe Three from having the Repreſentation of two Heads thereon, has inclined ſome to believe that they are the Figures of *Henry* II. and *Richard* I. but it is certain that they are Coins of later Date that have received a double Stroke in Coinage.

No 4, is a Penny of *Edward the Confeſſor*'s with a blundered Legend.

No. 6, and 7, the firſt Coined whilſt this King was Duke of *Aquitain* only, and the other after he aſcended the *Engliſh* Throne.

No. 8 and 9, though not ſo finely preſerved, are thought to be real Coins of this King, by ſeveral curious Gentlemen, Members of the Antiquarian Society, and others who have ſeen them. They correſpond in Size, Form, Weight, Purity of Metal, and all other Parti-

Particulars, with the Coin of his immediate Predeceſſors and Succeſſor. Upon each the King is repreſented bearing a Sceptre in his Hand, and upon the Reverſe of the Firſt is the Name of the Moneyer and Town where Minted. It muſt be here obſerved that the Sceptre does not appear upon any King's Coin after *Henry* III. till *Henry* VII. and that from about the *7th* of *Edward* I. the Names of the Moneyers was diſcontinued, for theſe Reaſons, and as we pay a great Deference to the Judgment of thoſe Gentlemen who have inſpected theſe two laſt Coins, we offer the ſame as real Curioſities.

Obſervations on the Coins of John, *Plate 4th.*

STOW, enumerates the Names of not leſs than 15 Places in this Kingdom, where this King had Mints, yet not one ſingle Piece of his Coin minted here is to be met with; all in this Plate appear by their Reverſes to be ſtruck in *Ireland*. The three firſt Half-pence we conceive were Coined there, during the Time he had the Stile of Lord of *Ireland*, in the Life-time of his Father, and all the others after he came to the Crown. Their Weight runs about 10 Grains. The next three are Pennies, and weigh from 20 to 22 Grains. The three following are Half-pence; the beſt preſerved weigh 10 and a half Grains. And the laſt is a Farthing, which being much worn, only weighs 3 Grains and a half.

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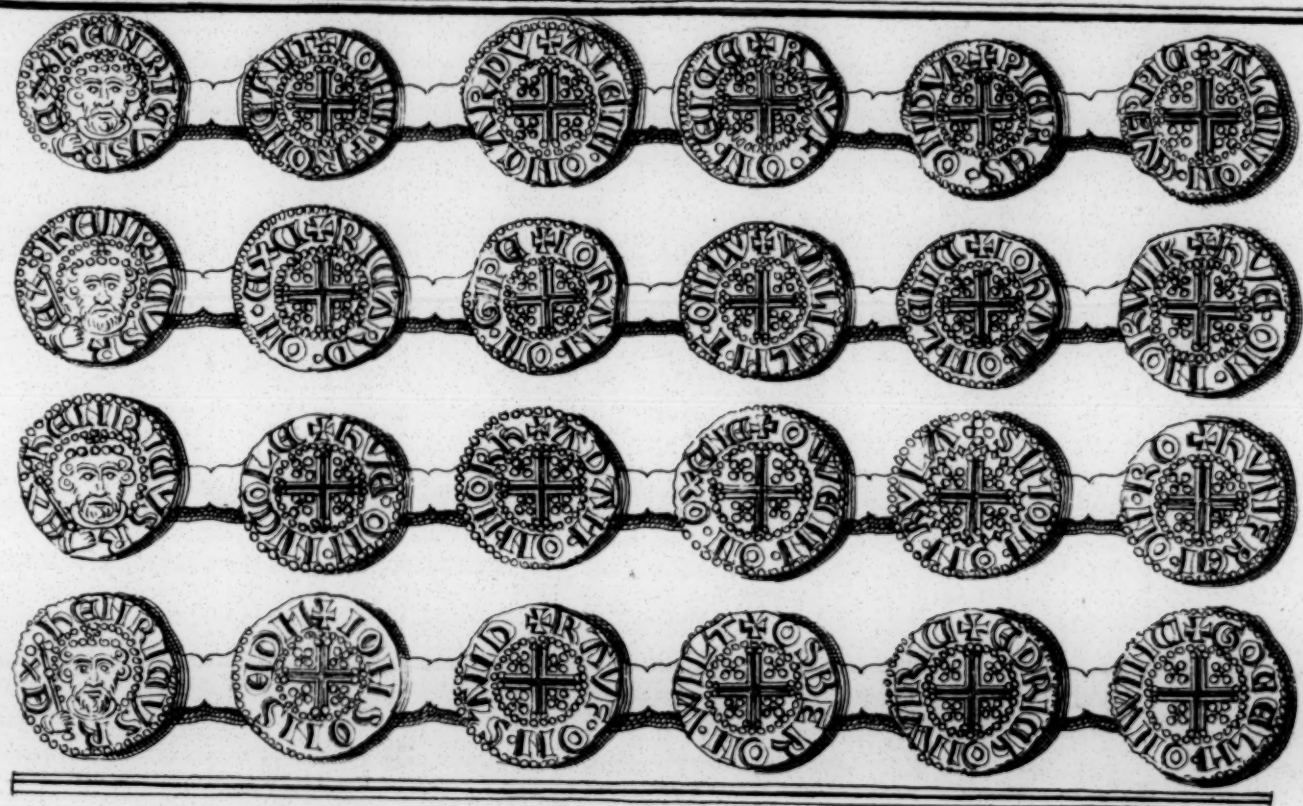
Coins of HENRY the Third.

In the Hands of Mr. Jn. White?



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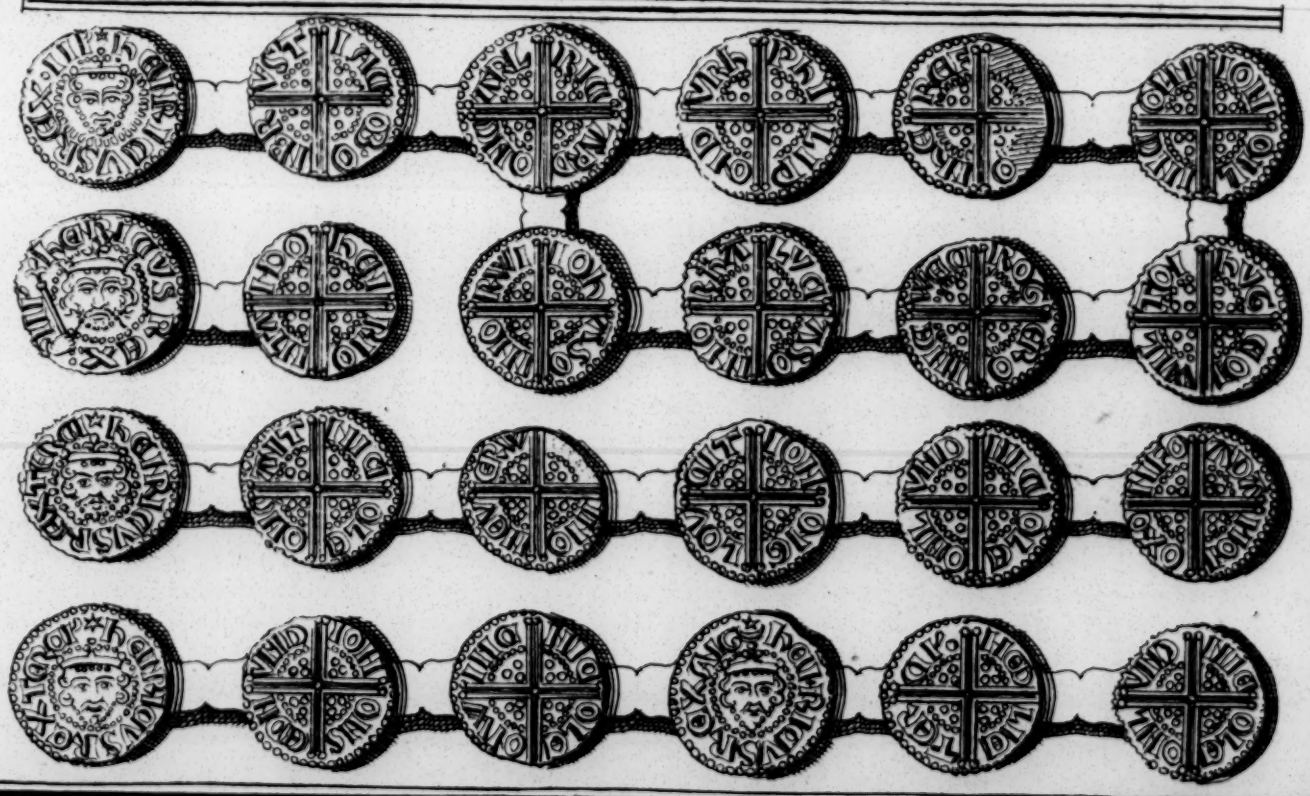


PLATE, V.

Inscriptions on the Coins of HENRY the Third.

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. Henricvs, rex	John, FR. on Cant
2. ditto	Alein, on Cardv
3. ditto	Ravf, on Cice
4. ditto	Pieres, on Dvr
5. ditto	Alein, on Everwic
6. Henricvs, rex.	Ricard, on Exc
7. ditto	Johan, on Gipe
8. ditto	Willelm, T. on Lv
9. ditto	Johan, on Lenc
10. ditto	Hve, on Norwik
11. Henricus, rex.	Hve. on Nicole
12. ditto	Adam, on North
13. ditto	Owein, on Oxene
14. ditto	Simoh, on Rula
15. ditto	Hvnfrei, on Ro
16. Henricvs, rex.	Johs, on S-Edm
17. ditto	Ravf, on Sand
18. ditto	Osber, on Wilt
19. ditto	Edrick, on Wiric
20. ditto	Gocelm, on Winc
N°.	
21. Henricvs, rex. iii.	Jocob, on Brvſt
22. ditto	Ricard, on Carl
23. ditto	Philip, on Durh
24. ditto	------- on Heref
25. ditto	Jon, on Lincoln
26. Hefricvs. rex. iii.	Henri, on Tamdo
27. ditto	Johas, on Norwi
28. ditto	Lucas, on Northa
29. ditto	Roger, on Nowec
30. ditto	Hvge, on Wilton
31. Henricvs, rex terci	Nicole, on Cant
32. ditto	--- in, on Everw
33. ditto	Jon, on Glovcit
34. ditto	Nicole, on Lund
35. ditto	Adam, on Oxonfo
36. ditto	Jon, on S Edmund
37. ditto	Nicole, on Winc
38. Henricvs, rex. ang	Hedlie, Terci
37. ditto	Nicole, on Lund

Obſervations on the Coins of Henry III. *Pl. 5th.*

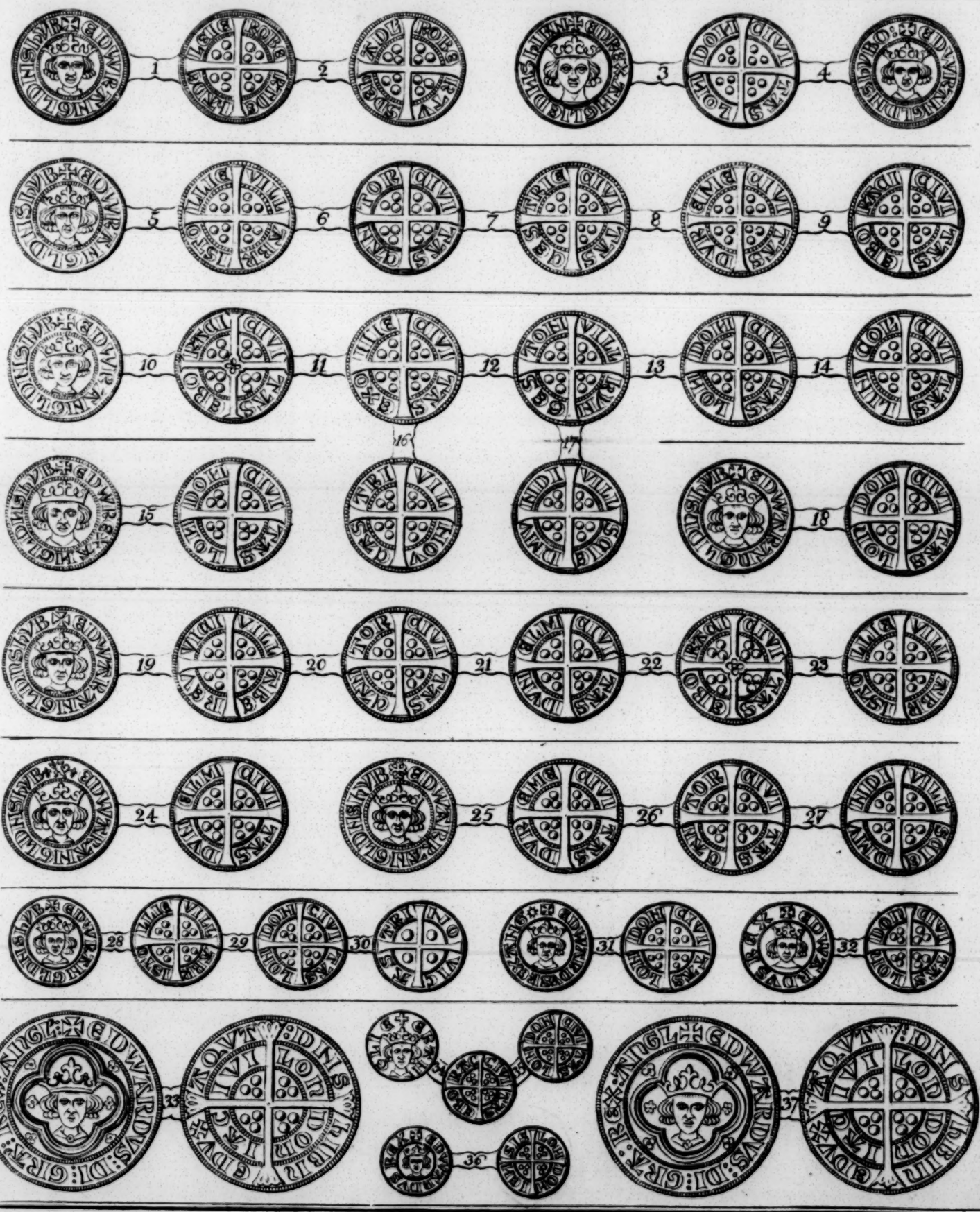
THIS King is ſaid to have Coined Pennies, Halfpence and Farthings, but of the two latter Kind, there are none to be met with.

Indeed Mr. *Thoreſby* in his Ducates Leodi¢ensis Page 353, mentions the *Earl* of *Pembroke*'s ſhewing him a round Halfpenny, or Farthing of this King.

The Pennies of this King afford a much greater variety of Moneyers and Towns, than any from the Conqueſt to *Henry* VIII. Mr. *White*, who was ſo generous as to enable us to preſent this Plate (which by his direction is Engraved from the Coins, with all their Defects and Imperfections) hath at leaſt 200 different from one another, many of which are extreme Curious. On ſundry of theſe Coins ſtruck at *London* and *Canterbury*, between the Moneyers, and Town's Name (as in No. 1, and 8, appear the Letters FR.T.M.B. and L. what theſe Initials denote is variouſly ſuggeſted, ſome are inclined to conjecture they mean the ſeveral Offices occupied by thoſe concerned in the Mintage and Others, the Sirnames of the Moneyers; and to this latter Opinion we much incline.

On the Pennies after the 32*d* Year, the Sceptre is rarely ſeen, except on thoſe Minted at *London* and *Canterbury*, indeed, we have met with two others (with Sceptres) No. 26. and One not in this Plate, the Reverſe of which reads *Joh*, *on*, *Seinted*.

Coins of EDWARD the First and Second.



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INSCRIPTIONS on the COINS of EDWARD the First and Second.

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. EDW. R. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Robert, de Hadeleie
2. ditto	Robertus, de Hadl'
3. ED. REX. ANGLIE. DNS. HIBN.	Civitas, London
4. EDW. R. ANGL. DNS. HYBO.	ditto
5. EDW. R ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Villa, Briſtollie
6. ditto	Civitas, Cantor
7. ditto	Civitas, Ceſtrie
8. ditto	Civitas, Dureme
9. ditto	Civitas, Eboraci
10. ditto	ditto
11. ditto	Civitas, Exonie
12. ditto	Vill, Kyngeſton
13. ditto	Civitas, London
14. ditto	Civitas, Lincol
15. EDW. REX. ANGL DNS. HYB.	Civitas, London
16. EDW. R. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Vil, Novicaſtri
17. ditto	Vill, ſci Edmvndi
18. EDW. R. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Civitas, London

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
19. EDW. R. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Villa, Berevvici
20. ditto	Civitas, Cantor
21. EDW. R. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Civitas, Dvnelm
22. ditto	Civitas, Eboraci
23. ditto	Villa, Briſtollie
24. ditto	Civitas, Dvnelm
25. EDW. R. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Civitas, Dvreme
26. ditto	Civitas, Cantor
27. ditto	Vill, ſci Edmvndi
28. EDW. R. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Villa, Briſtollie
29. ditto	Civitas, London
30. ditto	Novicaſtri
31. EDWARDVS, REX. ANG.	Civitas, London
32. EDWARDVS, REX.	ditto
33. EDW. DI. GRA. REX. ANGL	Dns. hibne, dux aqvt. Civi, Londonia
34. E. R. ANGLIE	Civitas, Eborac
35. ditto	Civitas, London
36. EDWARDVS, REX.	Londonienſis
37. EDW. DI. GRA. REX ANGL.	Dns. hbine, dux aqvt. Civi, Londonia

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It alſo concerns us much, to omit ſeveral of *Edward* II. the Inſcription of which was *Edward*, *r. Angl*, *dns*, *hyb.* minted at *London*, *Canterbury*, *Durham* and *Newcaſtle*, but as the Form of their Heads and Crowns are the Same as No. 19, and others in this Plate, they will be eaſily known from thoſe of *Edward* III.

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No. 26, and 27, have the ſame Head and Inſcription as No. 25, but the Mint mark is a plain Croſs. No. 33, is a very rare and curious Piece, uſually called a Groat, and weighs 86 Grains, we have ſeen others of the like Impreſs, but of different and much greater Weights.

No 37, is extreme well preſerved, and the Weight being only 66 Grains, we are induced to think the Same is a Three-penny Piece.

In the publick Library at *Cambridge* is a thick Piece inſcribed *EDWAR, R. Angl, dns, hyb.* which weighs 65 Grains, and in the *Pembrokian* Collection is another exactly like this, weight 66 Grains, (though placed to *Edward* III. and called a thick Groat) theſe likewiſe, by their near correſpondence in weight, ſeem only different Deſigns for the ſame Purpoſe.

We are aware that it is the general Opinion, that *Edward* III. was the firſt King that Coined and allowed the Currency of Groats. And that *Edward* VI. firſt Minted Three-pences of fine Silver; yet we muſt join with the Sentiments of ſome, (whoſe judgment we greatly revere) which are, that theſe laſt Coins. were certainly intended for Trial-pieces of Groats and Three-pences.

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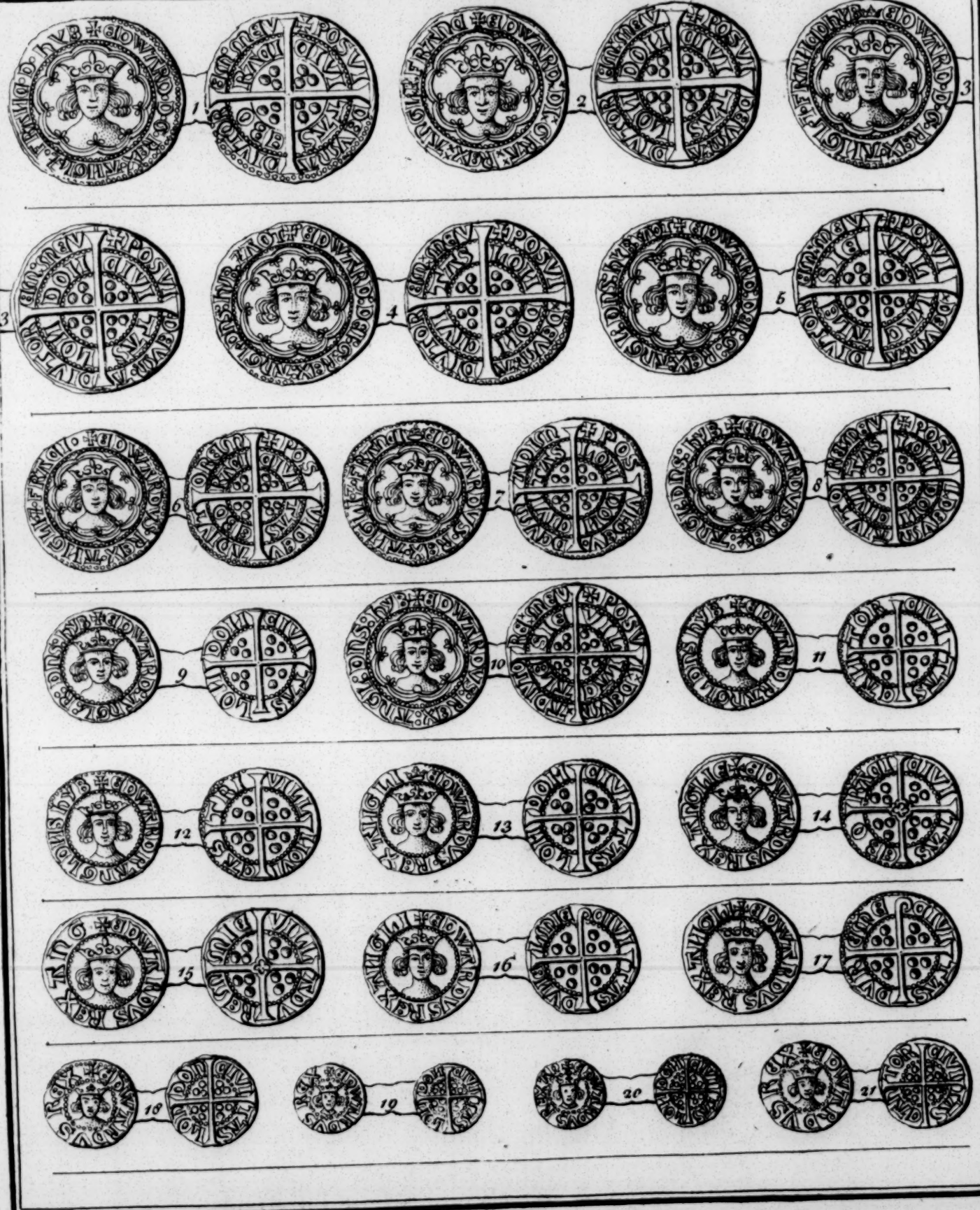

PLATE, VII.

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HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. EDWARD, D. G. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC. D. HYB.	Posvi. devm. adiv torem. mev. Civitas Eboraci
2. EDWARD, D. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC.	Posvi, &c. Civitas London
3. EDWARD, &c. as Number I.	Posvi, &c. Civitas London
4. EDWARD, DEI. G. REX. ANGL. DNS. HYB. Z. AQT.	Posvi, &c. Civitas London
5. ditto	Posvi, &c. Villa Calesie
6. EDWARDVS, REX. ANGLI. Z. FRACI.	Posvi. dev. adiv torem. Civitas Eboraci
7. ditto	Posvi. dev. dcvm. adim. Civitas London
8. EDWARDVS, REX. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Posvi. devm. aiv. tore. mev. Civitas London
9. EDWARD, ANGL. R DNS HYB.	Civitas London
N°.	
10. EDWARDVS, REX. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Posvi. devm. adiv tore. mev. Villa Calesie
11. EDWARD, R. ANGL. DNS. HYB.	Civitas, Cantor
12. ditto	Vill, Novicastri
13. EDWARDVS, REX. ANGLI.	Civitas, Lomdom
14. EDWARDUS, REX. ANGLIE.	Civitas, Eboraci
15. EDWARDVS, REX. ANG.	Villa, Dvremmie
16. EDWARDVS, REX. ANGLI.	Civitas, Dvnelmei
17. ditto	Civitas, Dvreme
18. EDWARDUS, REX.	Civitas, London
19. ditto	ditto
20. EDWARDVS, REX. AN	ditto
21. EDWARDVS, REX.	Civitas Cantor

Obſervations on the Coins of Edward III. *Pl. 7th.*

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No. 5 is a Groat, and No. 10, a Half-groat Coined at *Caleſie*, which are eſteemed far more valuable, than any Minted in *England*. The Errors in the Inſcriptions of this King's Money, are as conſpicuouſly bad, as thoſe of his Father and Grandfather. The Reverſes of 7, and 13, are ſingular on that Account, tho' not ſo glaring as the Inſcriptions of two Groats of our Friend, who gave the 5th Plate, each of which read *RDWARD*. Others we have ſeen *Edvard* and *Edwrd*. and the Reverſe of another, in the Hands of a worthy Gentleman (who has a valuable Collection) reads *Civi,-don*, *Lon*, *Tas*.

Such miſtakes as theſe have been continued almoſt to the preſent Time, and therefore for the Future, we ſhall omit taking Notice thereof, in any Inſtance, but where it is neceſſary to Grave them in our Plates. and there only, in order to exculpate our Engravers from Cenſure.

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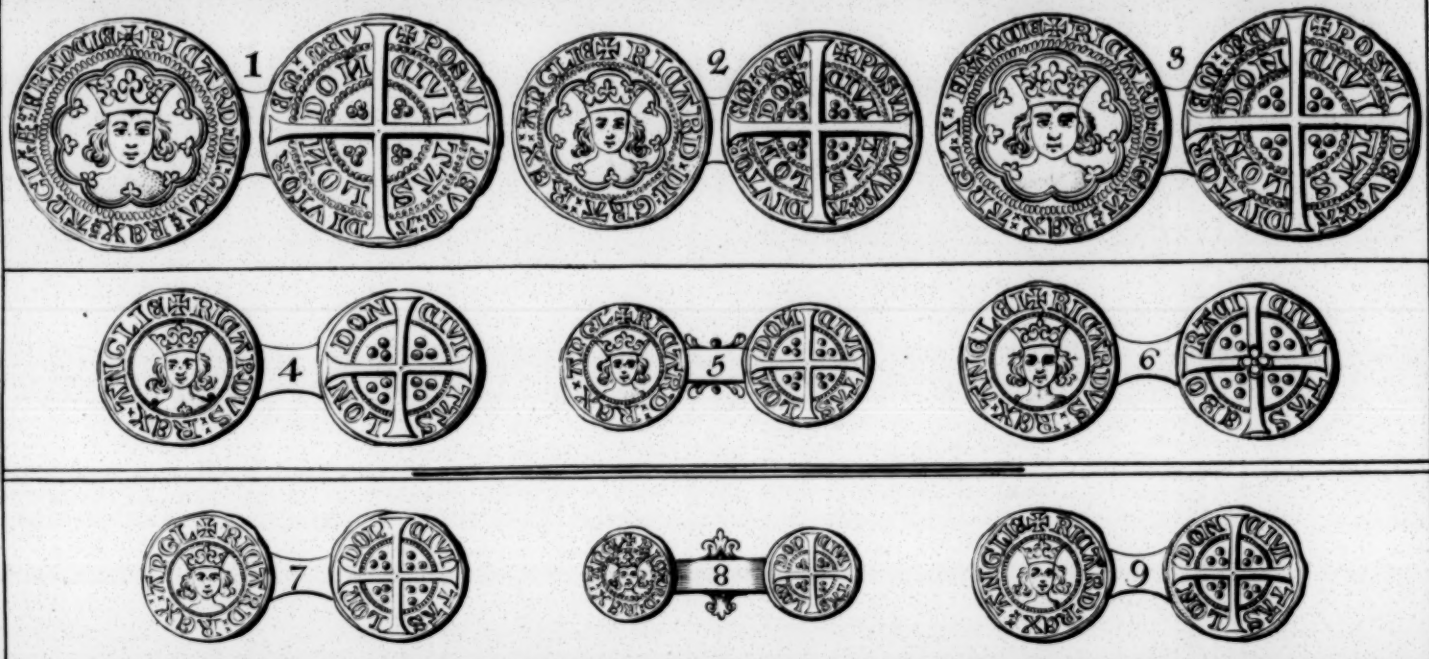

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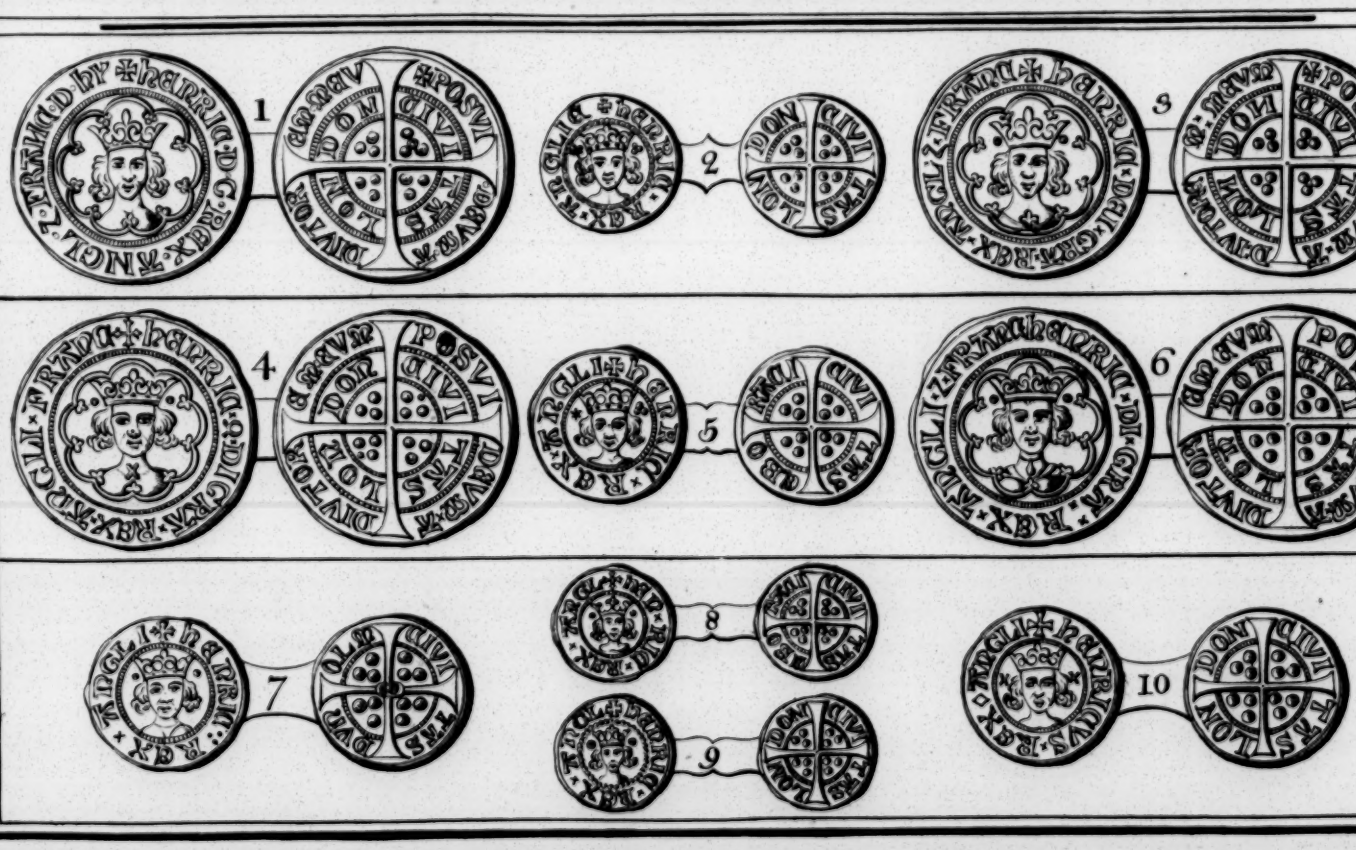

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Inscriptions on the Coins of RICHARD the Second.	
HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. RICHAR, DI GRA REX. ANGL. Z. FRANCIE.	Posvi, devm adivtor em mev Civitas, London
2. RICARD, DI GRA REX. ANGLIE.	Posvi, &c. Civitas, London
3, RICARD, DI GRA REX. ANGL. Z. FRANCIE.	Posvi, &c. Civitas, London
4. RICARDVS, REX. ANGLIE.	Civitas, London
5. RICARD, REX. ANGL.	ditto
6. RICARDVS, REX. ANGLEI.	Civitas, Eboraci
7. RICARDVS, REX. ANGL.	ditto
8. ditto	ditto
9. RICARDVS. REX. ANGLIE.	ditto

Inscriptions on the Coins usually placed to HENRY the Fourth.	
HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. HENRIC, D.G. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC. D. HY.	Posvi, devm. adiv torem, mev. Civitas, London
2. HENRIC, REX. ANGLIE.	ditto
3. HENRIC, DEI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC.	Posvi, devm. adiv. torem. mevm Civitas, London
4. HENRIC, 8. DI. GRA. REX. ANGLI. FRANC.	Posvi, devm. adiv. tore. mevm. Civitas, London
5. HENRIC, REX. ANGLI.	Civitas, Eboraci
6. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX. ANGLI. Z. FRANC.	Posvi, &c. as N°. 4. Civitas, London
7. HENRIC, REX. ANGLI.	Civitas, Dvnolm
8 HENRIC, REX. ANGL.	Civitas, Eboraci
9 ditto	Civitas, London
10 HENRICUS, REX. ANGLI.	Civitas, London

Obſervations on the Coins of Richard II. *Pl. 8th.*

ALL the Coins of this King, differ ſo much in Weight from thoſe of *Richard* III. that no one can confound the One with the Other, if he will but take the Pains of uſing the Scales and Weights. The Weight of this King's Groats ſhould be 72 Grains and the ſmaller Coins in proportion.

No. 1, 2 and 3, are in fine Preſervation, each weighing barely a Grain ſhort of the Standard in this King's Reign, whereas the fineſt of *Richard* IIId's Groats weigh but 48 Grains. Both Head and Reverſe of *Richard* II. and IIId's Money, alſo vary greatly, and are eaſily diſtinguiſhed by a careful Obſerver, by comparing No. 1, 2, and 3, in this Plate, with the ſame Numbers in our Tenth.

Obſervations on the Coins of Henry IV. *Pl. 8th.*

THE low Price of this King's Coins at ſundry late Sales, may induce the young Collector to imagine they are very common. But we are perſwaded that 19 out of 20. ſold for his, properly belong to *Henry* V. or VI. The Coinage of this King was but ſmall, his Reign being but 13 Years, and Silver ſcarce, the Indentures with the mint Maſters ſtipulate that his

Money

Money was to be made of equal Goodneſs and Weight with *Richard* II. and it was ſo, till his laſt Year; and yet there are hardly five Groats, or Half-groats to be found at this time of his Money. No. 1, is a heavy Groat, weighing 68 Grains, and No. 3, is a light One, probably of his laſt Year, not quite 58 Grains.

The Inſcriptions on the Reverſes of theſe two Coins are *posvi, devm'a, d'ivtor, Em'mev, and torem, mevm,* which correſpond with thoſe of *Edward* III. and *Richard* II. the N's in *London* alſo are in the ſame Form. Whereas on thoſe Groats attributed to *Henry* V. and *Henry* VI. the N's are ſhaped more like an R; the Inſcription likewiſe differs, being *poſvi, devm'a, divtor, e'mevm,* and we think the whole Type much more reſembles *Edward* IV. and *Richard* the Third's Groats.

No. 4 and 6, weigh full 60 Grains each, the ſingularity on the Head ſide made the Owner deſirous of their being Engraved in this Plate, but we are doubtful whether they are ranged in their proper Station. No. 2, 5, 7 and 10, are inſerted under this Reign more in compliance to the received Opinion, than from any real Authority, the Heavieſt of theſe falling full 4 Grains ſhort of the ſtandard Weight of his firſt Coinage.

No. 8 and 9, weigh 7 and a half Grains, and we have ſeen two or three other ſmall Coins, probably Farthings of this Prince, by their Weight, which was full 4 and a half Grains. They are inſcribed as No. 22, in our next Plate.

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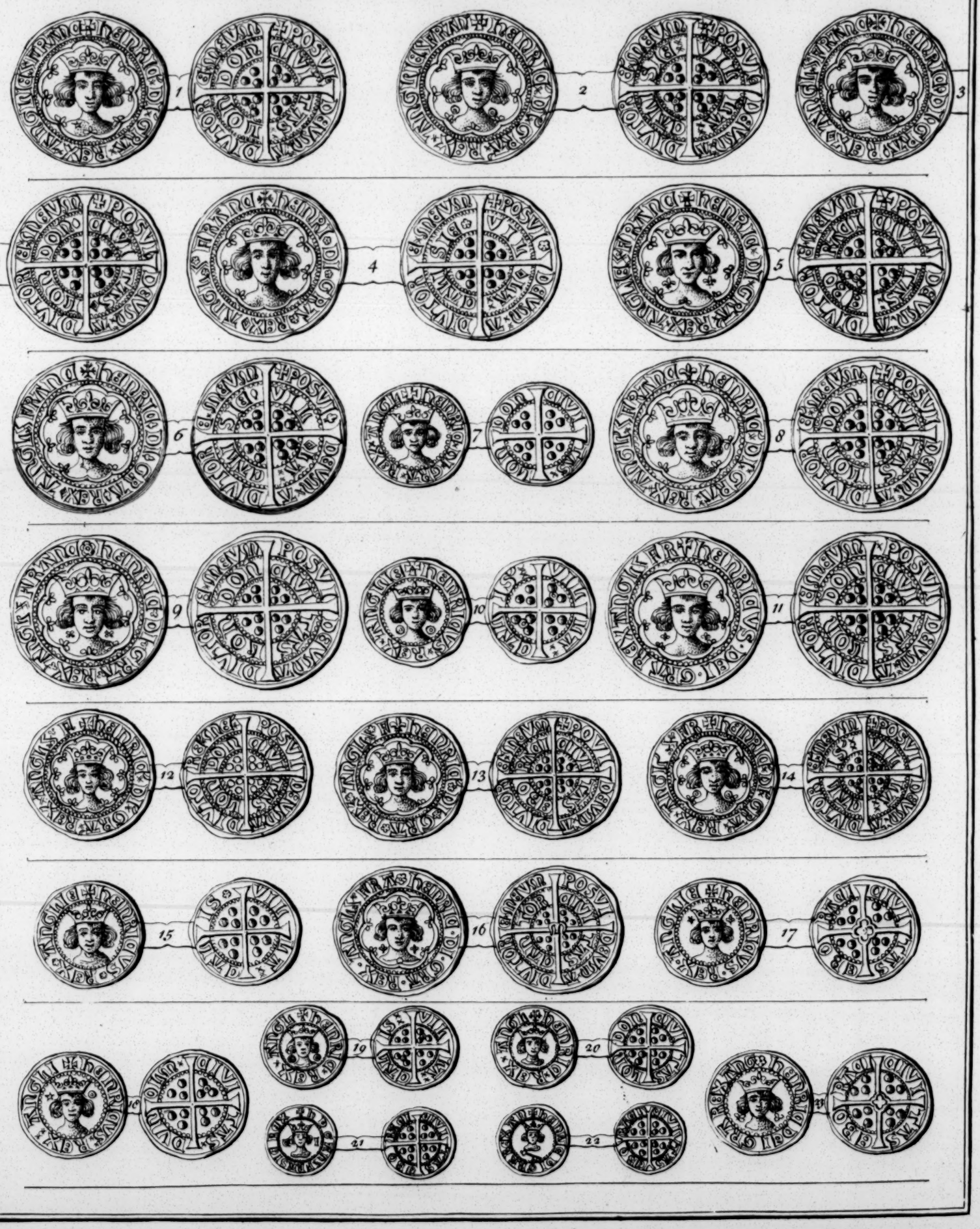
Coins of HENRY the Fifth & Sixth.



PLATE, IX.

INSCRIPTIONS on the COINS of HENRY the Fifth and Sixth.

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX.ANGLIE.Z.FRANC	Posvi. devm. adiv tore. mevm.
2. ditto	Posvi, &c. Villa, Calisie
3. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL.Z.FRANC.	Posvi, &c. Civitas, London
4. ditto	Posvi, &c. Villa, Calisie
5. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX.ANGLIE.Z.FRANC	Posvi, &c. Civitas, Eboraci
6. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC	Posvi, &c. Villa, Calisie
7. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL.	Civitas, London
8. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC	Posvi, &c. Civitas, London
9. ditto	Posvi, &c. Civitas, London
10. HENRICVS, REX, ANGLIE.	Villa, Calis
11. HENRICVS, DEI. GRA.REX.ANGL.Z.FR.	Posvi, &c. Civitas, London

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
12. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. F.	Posvi. devm. adiv tore. me. Civitas, London
13. ditto	ditto mevm Civitas, Eboraci
14. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FR.	Posvi, &c. Villa, Calis
15. HENRICUS, REX. ANGLIE.	Villa, Calis
16. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRA.	Posvi, &c. Civitas, Cantor
17. HENRICVS, REX ANGLIE.	Civitas, Eboraci
18. HENRICUS, REX. ANGLIE.	Civitas, Dvnolm
19. HENRIC, REX. ANGL.	Villa, Calis
20. ditto	Civitas, London
21. H. D. G. AN. Z. FRASIE. REX.	Civitas, Eboraci
22. HENRIC, DI. GRA. REX. AN.	ditto
23. HENRIC, DEI. GRA. REX. ANG.	ditto

Obſervations on the Coins of Henry V. *and* VI. *Pl.* 9*th.*

WITH our utmoſt diligence we are not able with certainty to ſeparate the coins of theſe two kings. Mr. *Leake* obſerves, that by an indenture in the firſt year of *Henry* VI. the monyer is called, " Mint Maſter, *En le cite de Londres, cite de Denwyk,* " *le ville de Briſaut, et en la ville de Calais*; " and accordingly the coins ſtruck at thoſe places are inſcribed, *civitas Donwic & villa Briſtol.* If that worthy gentleman had been ſo kind to favour us with an engraving of one of thoſe rare coins, as well as of the uncertain ones, (whether groats, half groats, or pence) in all probability ſome particularity therein, might have pointed out to us other coins of this king, though minted at *London* or *Calais.* It is our misfortune never to have ſeen or heard of any one coin ſtruck at *Dunwich* or *Briſtol* that could be depended on. No. 1, 2, 3, and 4. are common groats, which weigh about 60 grains, and only vary from each other in their ſeveral inſcriptions, mint marks, and ſtops. No. 5. weighs 56 troy grains, and is a very curious and rare coin, for which we are greatly obliged to the preſent owner Mr. *Blake.* We have lately ſeen another of the ſame type in the hands of the ingenious Mr. *Fryer,* which is very fair, but weighs two grains leſs. We are inclined to think theſe were minted at *York* in the former part of *Henry* VI's reign, for on the head ſide are two *Fleur de lis*; the ſame may be obſerved on No. 11. and 16. the one a groat of his latter mintage, (as we apprehend) wt. 48 grains, the other a half

groat weighing 23 grains. It may be proper in this place to obſerve, that this king's angel and half angel of his laſt year, *viz.* 1470. have the ſame *Fleur de lis* over the arms, whether intended as a privy mark, or an ornament, we cannot ſay. No. 6. weighs 117 grains, and ſeems intended as a proof for a double groat. Mr. *Folkes* mentions a quadruple one, which exactly tallying with this piece, perhaps they were both ſtruck with one dye. No. 9. weighs 48 grains, has a roſe for the mint mark, and is ſo much like the groats of *Edward* IV. that moſt collectors place it to *Henry* VI. Yet Mr. *Folkes* takes it to be a groat of *Henry* VII. before he changed the open for the arched crown; and if ſo, No. 16. may be a half groat of the ſame prince, for in the center of the croſs is the letter [m], which may be the private mark of its being ſtruck in archbiſhop *Moreton*'s mint at *Canterbury* about the year 1486. No. 7, 10, and 15. are pennies well preſerved, but common. No. 17, is of *York* mint, and has a *Fleur de lis* on the head ſide, as No. 5, 11, *&c.* No. 18 and 23 are both ſingular, the former for the town where ſtruck, and the latter for the mint mark, and weight, which is only 11 grains; the mint mark agrees with No. 9 and 16; but the graver made a ſmall miſtake in the plate, for on the reverſe, in the center of the croſs, is a roſe and not a letter. No. 19 and 20 are half pence. No. 21 and 22, farthings; the former weigh 7 and a half, and the latter 3 and a half grains.

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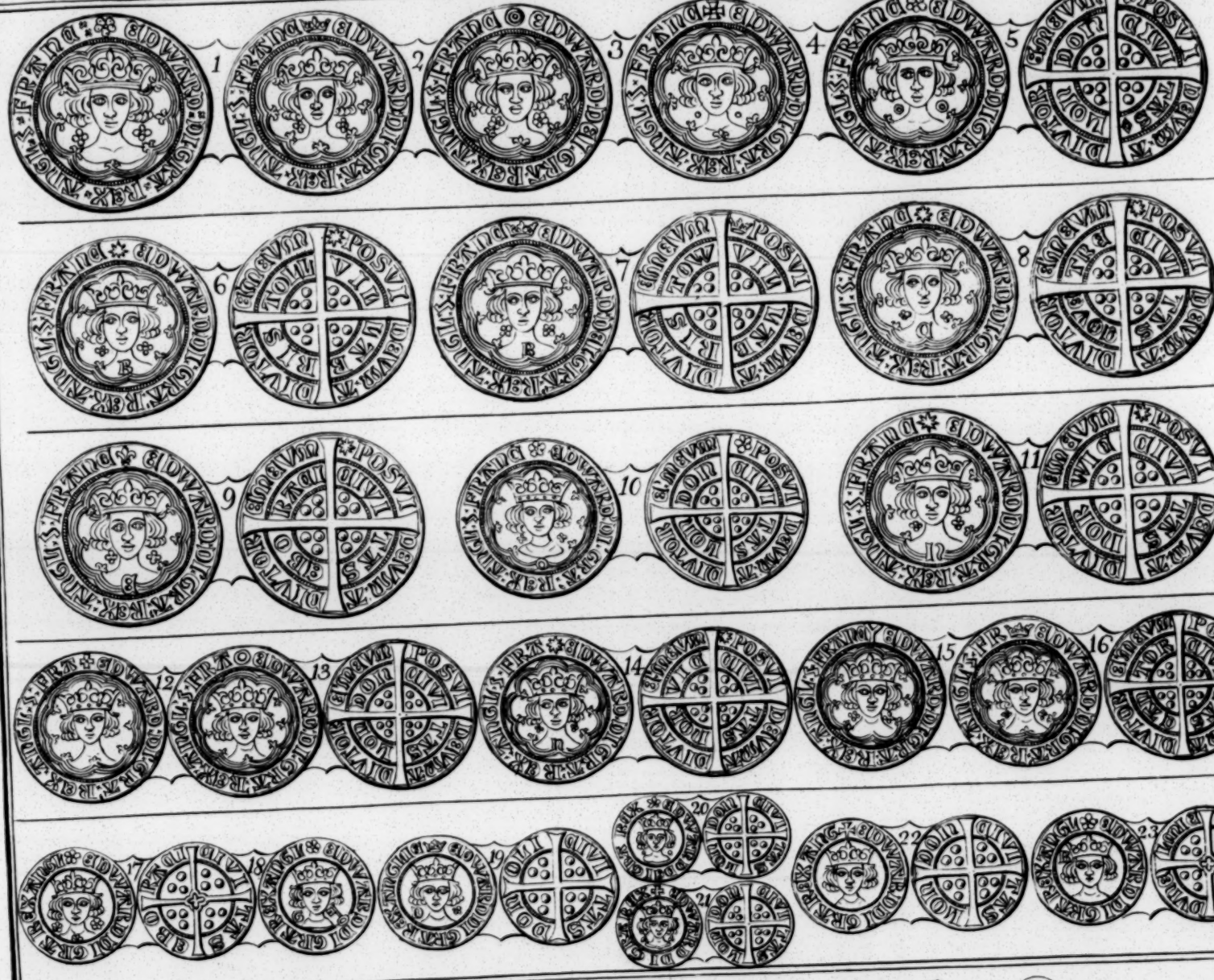
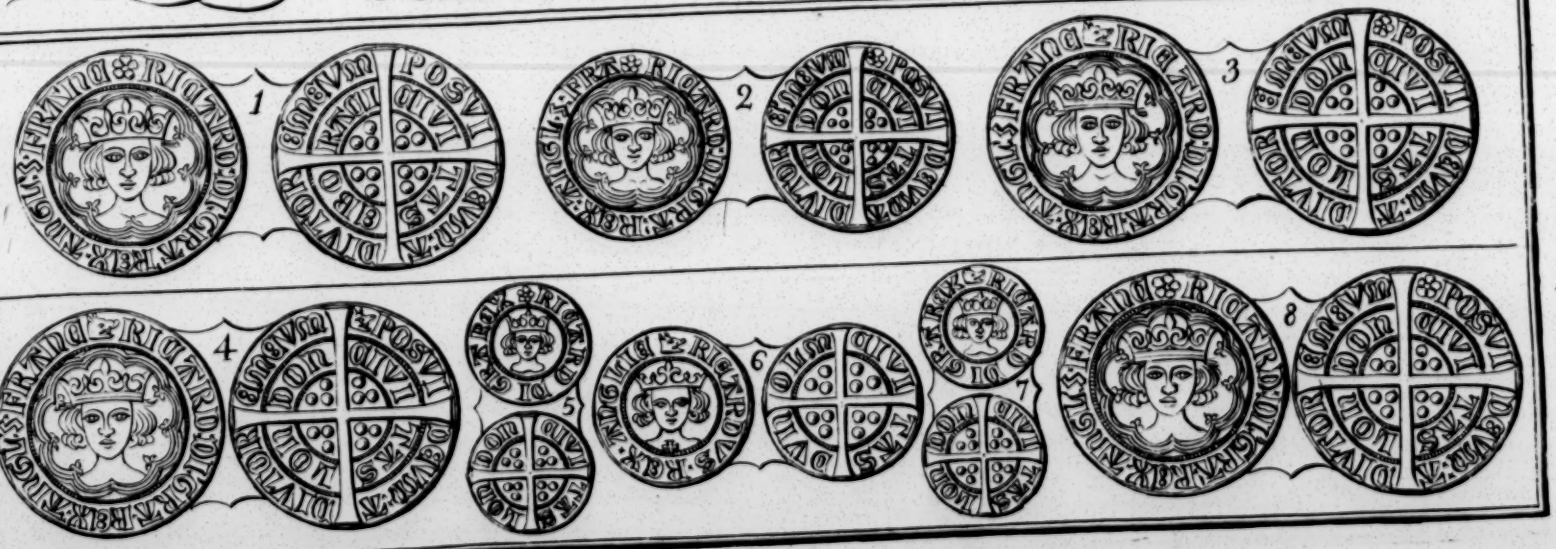
Coins of EDWARD the Fourth



Coins of RICHARD the Third



PLATE, X.

INSCRIPTIONS on the COINS of EDWARD the Fourth.

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. EDWARD DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC.	Posvi, devm adiv tore meum Civitas London
2. ditto	ditto
3. ditto	ditto
4. ditto	ditto
5. ditto	ditto
6. ditto	Posvi, &c. Villa Briſtoll
7. ditto	Posvi, &c. Villa Briſtow
8. ditto	Posvi &c. Civitas Covetre
9. ditto	Posvi, &c. Civitas Eboraci
10. ditto	Posvi, &c. Civitas London
11. ditto	Posvi, &c. Civitas Norwic
12. EDWARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRA.	Posvi, &c. Civitas London
13. ditto	ditto
14. ditto	Posvi, &c. Civitas Norvic
15. EDWARD, DI. GRA REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC.	Posvi &c. Cixitas Cantor
16. EDWARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FR,	ditto
17. EDWARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL.	Civitas Eboraci
18. ditto	ditto
19. EDWARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANGLIE.	Civitas, Donoli
20. EDWARD, DI. GRA. REX.	Civitas, London
21. ditto	ditto
22. EDWARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANG.	ditto
23. EDWARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL.	Civitas, donelmie

INSCRIPTIONS on the COINS of RICHARD the Third.

N°.	
1. RICARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC.	Poſvi devm adivtore mevm Civitas, Eboraci
2. RICARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRA.	Poſvi, &c. Civitas London
3. RICARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC.	Poſvi. &c. Civitas London
4. ditto	ditto
5. RICARD, DI. GRA. REX.	Civitas, Lomdom
6. RICARDVS, REX. ANGLIE.	Civitas, Dvnolm
7. RICARD, DI. GRA. REX.	Civitas, London
8. RICARD, DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z. FRANC.	Poſvi, &c. Civitas London

Obſervations on the Coins of Edward IV. *Plate* 10*th.*

NO. 1. is a groat weighing 60 grains, and No. 10. a half groat weight 30 grains, minted before the fourth year of this king's reign, when the weight of a groat was reduced to 48 grains, and the leſſer coins in proportion. Of this latter weight are No. 2, 3, 4, and 5, coined at *London.* No. 5 hath two annulets or eyelet holes on the head ſide. Theſe marks are frequently found on the head ſide and reverſe of the money of *Edward* I, III and IV, as well as on the groats attributed to *Henry* V. Therefore the conjecture of a late author, which makes them the proper diſtinction of the money of *Henry* V, from the other of the ſame name, loſes conſiderably of its probability. No. 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11. are groats minted at *Briſtol*, *Coventry*, *York*, and *Norwich*; as we never have ſeen or heard of any being coined at *Canterbury*, (except from the ſame author) who founds his opinion from the letter *C* appearing on the breaſt; but as *C* is the initial of *Coventry* as well as *Canterbury*, in which laſt city we are inclined to think no groats were ever ſtruck before the reign of *Henry* VIII, we are apt to ſuſpect that gentleman muſt be miſtaken. No. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, are half groats of different types in this king's latter coinage. No. 14 is ſomewhat remarkable by *Norwich*, the place of mintage, being ſpelt *Norvic*. No. 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23, are pennies of *London*, *York*, and *Durham* mints, weighing from 10 to 11 grains: the reverſe of No. 19 reads *civitas Donoli*; if not deſigned for *Dvnolm*, we are at a loſs for the place of

of mintage. No. 20 and 21 are half pennies, weighing a trifle leſs than 6 grains each. The letters *B. D. G.* and *T.* frequently ſeen within the inner circle on the head ſide of this king's ſmall money, probably denote their being ſtruck in biſhops mints, *Booth* and *Dudley* being biſhops of *Durham*, and *George* and *Thomas* archbiſhops of *York* in this reign.

Obſervations on the Coins of Richard III. *Plate* 10*th.*

THIS king's groats, half groats, pennies and half pennies, are of equal fineneſs and weight with the laſt coinage of *Edward* IV. No. 1, 3, 4, and 8, are groats, and ſo well preſerved that they weigh 47 or 48 grains each. No. 2. is a half groat. No. 6. a penny. No. 5 and 7 half pennies, which by their weight, inſcription, and mint marks, are undoubtedly coins of this king. We are not of opinion with the anonymous author of the appendix to the learned biſhop *Fleetwood*'s *Chronicon Precioſum*, that the groats of this king are more ſcarce than any other coin, reference being had to our table, it will clearly be evinced, that many coins in theſe plates are far more rare and eſteemable than this king's groats. The ſame author has, in a table at the end of the appendix, mentioned as current, groats and pennies of *Edward* V; yet as he has given us no gravings thereof, nor even told us in what collections any of that unfortunate prince's money might be ſeen, we ſhall perſiſt in the opinion we have always entertained, that this young king did not coin any money.

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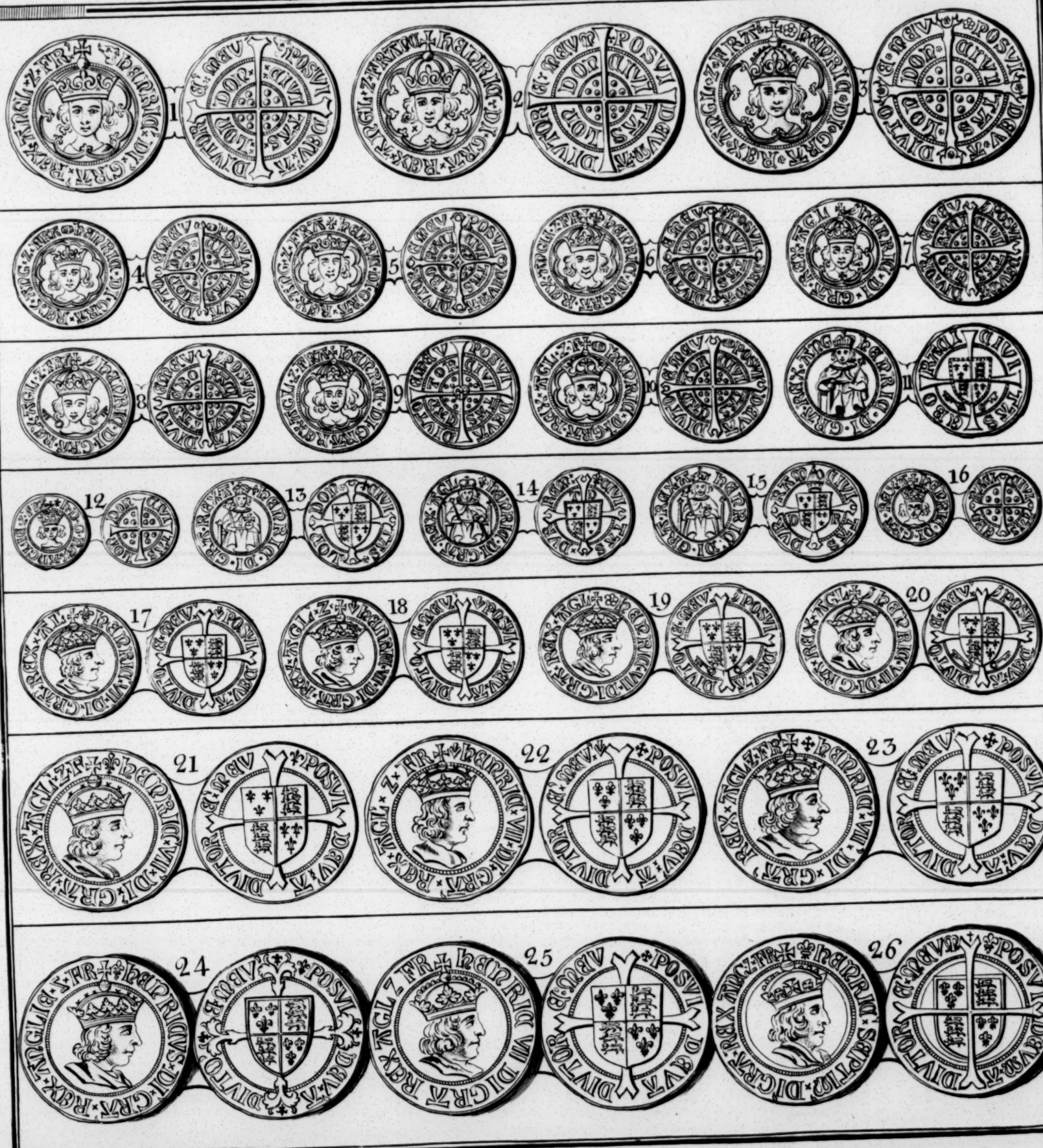
Coins of HENRY the Seventh.



PLATE, XI.

Inscriptions on the Coins of HENRY the Seventh.

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. Henric, di. gra. rex. angl. z. fr.	Posvi. div. adiv. tore mev. Civitas, London
2. Henric, di. gra. rex. angl. z. franc.	Posvi, &c. Civitas, London
3. Henric, di. gra. rex. angl. z. fra.	Posvi, &c. Civitas, London
4. ditto	ditto
5. ditto	Civitas, Eboraci
6. Henric, di. gra rex. angl. z. fr.	Posvi, &c. Civitas, London
7. Henric, di. gra. rex. angl.	Posvi, &c. Civitas. Eboraci
8. Henric, di. gra. rex. angl. z. fr.	ditto
9. Henric, di. gra. rex. angl. z. fra.	Posvi, &c. Civitas, Cantor
10. Henric, di. gra. rex. angl. z. f.	ditto
11. Henric, di. gra. rex. ang.	Civitas, Eboraci
12. H.d.g.rex.anglie z. fra.	Civitas, London
13. Henric, di. gra. rex. a	ditto

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
14. Henric, di. gra. rex; agl.	Civitas, Dvrrem
15. Henric, di. gra. rex.a.	ditto
16. ditto	Civitas, Eboraci
17. Henric, vii. di. gra. rex. al.	Posvi. dev. adiv toe. mev.
18. Henric, vii. di. gra. rex. agl. z.	ditto
19. Henric, vii. di. gra. rex. agl.	ditto
20. ditto	ditto
21. Henric, vii. di. gra. rex. agl. z. f.	Posvi. dev. adivtore, mev.
22. Henric, vii. di. gra. rex. agl. z. fr.	ditto
23. ditto	ditto
24. Henricvs, di. gra. rex. anglie. z. fra.	ditto
25. Henric, vii. di. gra. rex. agl. z. fr.	ditto
26. Henric, septim di. gra. rex. ang. z. fr.	Posvi. devm. adivtore mevm.

Obſervations on the Coins of Henry VII. *Plate* 11*th.*

THE firſt three coins in this plate are undoubtedly coins of this king, and ſo are thoſe likewiſe with the arched crown, as we conceive, tho' with different mint marks, *viz.* the *eſcallop*, *cinquefoil*, double *Fleur de lis*, *anchor*, *croſs croſlet*, *roſe*, and *greyhound's head*, moſt of which marks are on his angels, though not on his half-faced groats, (as hath been miſtakenly repreſented by a much eſteemed author) for on them there is only one ſingle mint mark out of the ſeven above mentioned, which are on the full-faced groats. Mr. *Folkes* ſtrongly inclines to think that theſe arched crown groats (tho' generally aſcribed to *Henry* VI.) were coined long after his deceaſe, and we are clearly of the ſame opinion, as none of thoſe groats with the ſingle or double arched crown have yet appeared, to our knowledge, coined at any other place than *London*, though the firſt mentioned author ſurmiſes that there are ſome of *Callis* mint. No. 4 and 5, we preſume, are half groats of this king, their weight, reverſe, and mint marks perfectly agreeing with others the certain coins of this prince. No. 9 hath an [æ] in the center of the croſs, the ſame as on No. 16, in our ninth plate; and being of the ſame place of mintage, further eſtabliſhes our former conjecture on that particular ſpecies of coin. No. 11, 13, 14 and 15, are pennies minted at *London*, *York*, and

Durham, weighing from 11 to 12 grains. No. 11 is remarkable, the king being repreſented in his chair of ſtate robed, bearing the ſcepter in his left, and the orb and croſs in his right hand: this is graved ſomewhat larger than it really is, in order to expreſs the ſame more clearly. No. 17, 18, 19 and 20, are half groats. No. 21, 22 and 23, groats, minted after his eighteenth year, the former weighing about 24 grains, and the latter 48, which weight was continued through the remainder of his reign. No. 24, 25 and 26, are ſhillings minted about the year 1504, and the firſt of the kind ſtruck in *England*; they nearly reſemble the groats in circumference and type, but weigh near 144 grains: ſo few are preſerved, that they are very highly eſteemed.

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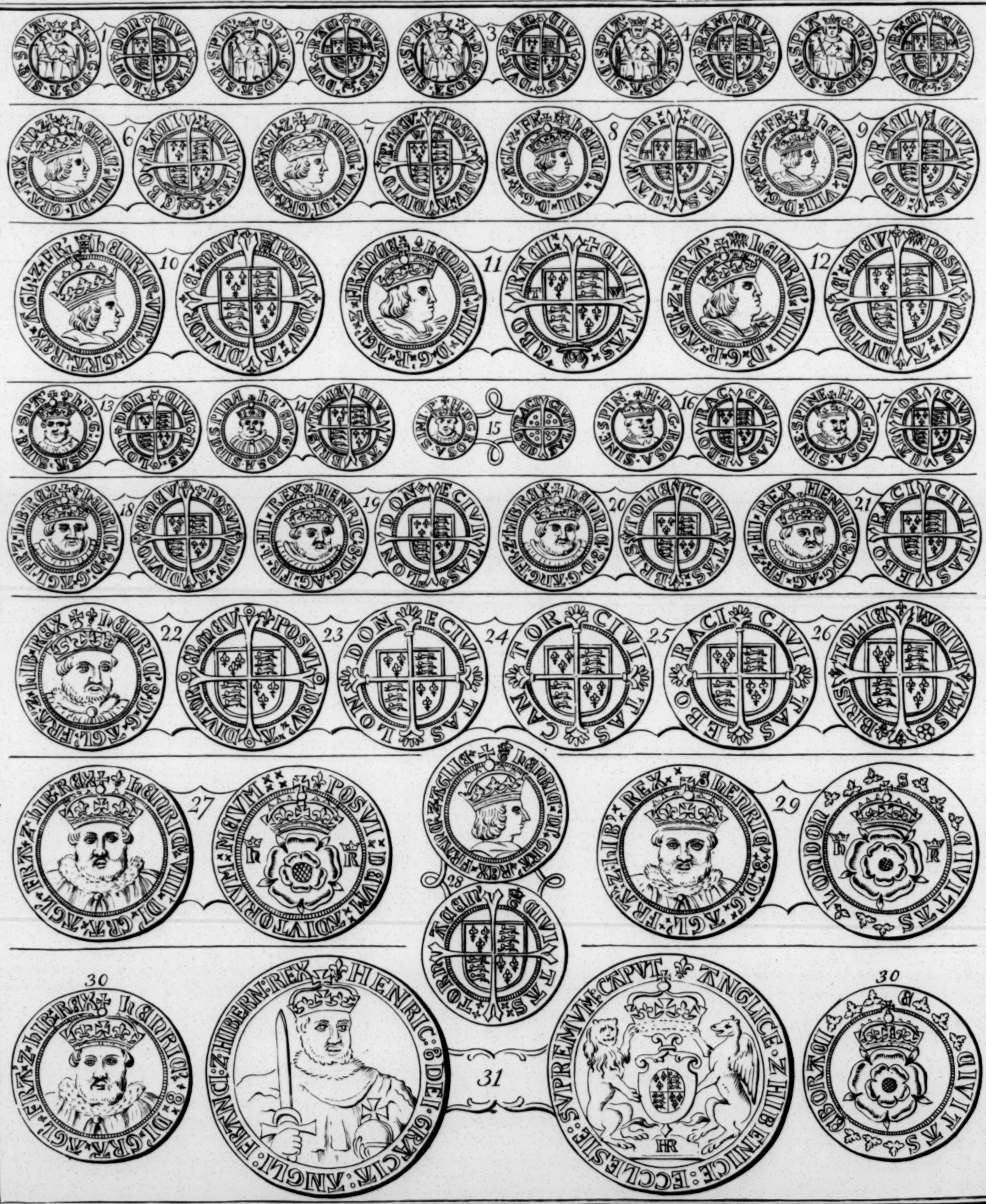
Coins of HENRY the Eighth



PLATE, XII.

Inscriptions on the Coins of HENRY the Eight.

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
1. H. D. G. ROSA. SIE. SPIA.	Civitas, London
2. ditto	Civitas, Durram
3. ditto	ditto
4. ditto	ditto
5. ditto	ditto
6. HENRIC, VIII. DI. GRA. REX. AN. Z.	Civitas, Eboraci
7. HENRIC, VIII. DI. GRA. REX. ANGL. Z.	Posvi. dev. adivtor. mev.
8. HENRIC, D. G. R. AGL. Z. FR.	Civitas, Cantor
9. ditto	Civitas, Eboraci
10. HENRIC, VIII. DI. GRA. RRX. AGL. Z. FR.	Posvi. dev. adivtore. mev.
11. HERNIC, VIII. D. G. R. AGL. Z. FRANCE.	Civitas, Eboraci
12. HENRIC, VIII. D. G. R. AGL. Z. FRA.	Posvi. dev. adivtor. mev.
13. H. D. G. ROSA. SINE. SPA.	Civitas, London
14. HE, 8. D. G. ROSA. SINE SPINA	Civitas, Bristolie
15. H. D. G. ROSA. SINI. P.	Civitas, Eboraci
16. H. D. G. ROSA. SINE. SPIN.	Civitas, Eborac

HEAD.	REVERSE.
N°.	
17. H. D. G, ROSA. SINE. SPINE.	Civitas, Cantor
18. HENRIC, 8. D. G. AGL. FR. Z. HB. REX.	Posvi. dev. adiv. toe. mev.
19. HENRIC, 8. D. G. AG. FR, Z. HI. REX.	Civitas, London
20. HENRIC, 8. D. G. ANG. FR. Z. HIB. REX.	Civitas, Bristolie
21. HENRIC, 8. D. G. AG. FR. Z. HI. REX.	Civitas, Eboraci
22. HENRIC, 8. D. G. AGL. FRA. Z. HYB. REX.	Posvi. dev. adivtore. mev.
23. ditto	Civitas, London
24. ditto	Civitas, Cantor
25. ditto	Civitas, Eboraci
26. ditto	Civitas, Bristolie
27. HENRIC, VIII. DI. GRA. AGL. FRA. Z. HIB. REX.	Posvi. devm. adivtorium, mevm.
28. HENRIC. DI. GRA. REX. FRANC. Z. AGLIE.	Civitas, Tornacen
29. HENRIC, 8 DEI GRACIA. ANGLI. FRANCI. Z HIBERN. REX.	Anglie, z. hibenice eccleſie. ſupremvm. caput.
30. HENRIC, 8. DI. GRA. AGL. FRA. Z. HYB. REX.	Civitas, Eboraci

Obſervations on the coins of Henry VIII. *Plate* 12*th.*

WE preſume this king, for the firſt eighteen years of his reign, coined only groats and half groats of the ſame ſtandard and weight with thoſe of his father's. But in his eighteenth year he altered both type and weight, making groats of 42 grains each, and leſſer coins in proportion. No. 6, 7, and 10, are of his firſt mentioned mintage; and No. 8, 9, 11, and 12, the ſecond; there is a great variety of theſe laſt, which are the more particular from his being repreſented with a more juvenile countenance than on the former.

In his 34th year, teſtons or ſhillings were minted, which, together with groats, half groats, pennies, half pennies, and farthings, coined about the ſame time, were one ounce and two penny-weights in the pound worſe than the old ſtandard. No. 27 is a teſton, weigh-5 penny-weights troy. No. 22 a groat. No. 18 a half groat, and No. 13 a penny of this mintage, on which coins, to the king's ſtile, was added that of king of *Ireland*.

The coins of his 36th year were ſtill more debaſed, being almoſt half allay: and in the laſt year, his money wanted ſeven ounces, two penny-weights of the purity of the old ſtandard: ſo that 48 of the teſtons of this laſt coinage, which ought to have weighed one pound troy, were only worth about 22 ſhillings and 4 pence of our preſent money. No. 29 and 30 are ſhillings: No. 23, 24, 25 and 26, groats: No. 19, 20, 21, half groats: No. 14, 16 and 17, pennies; and No. 15 a farthing, weight two and a half grains, minted in the laſt two years of his reign at *London*, *Canterbury*,

terbury, *York* and *Briſtol*. We have ſeen ſeveral half pence both of *London* and *Canterbury* mint, of the ſame type on the head ſide as No. 15. and juſt twice the weight: and the late Mr. *Bolton* had a farthing of this king, of *London* mint, with a portcullis on one ſide, a croſs and pellets on the other. It has been conjectured by an author, (whoſe works when expunged from a few errors are truly valuable) that the 35th coin in his fourth plate is a farthing of this king's, but the coin there graved is a very common half penny of queen *Elizabeth*, and by the mint mark was ſtruck in the year 1600; half pennies of this type were coined from 1582 to the end of her reign, and the reſpective mint marks thereon correſpond with thoſe on her ſixpences of theſe ſeveral years, and their weight runs from four to near five grains, which is double the indenture weight of *Henry* the VIIIth's farthings.

It has been ſaid by the ſame author, that this prince coined at *York*, ſhillings of fine ſilver, half-faced like his father's groats; but this we apprehend to be a miſtake, no manner of coins exceeding a half groat being ſtruck until after his eighteenth year, except in the king's own mint in *London*; and in fact no groats were coined in any of the country mints until the year 1542, except ſome few ſtruck at *York* by cardinal *Wolſey*, whereon appears a cardinal's hat under the royal arms: and that he did not coin ſhillings is very preſumptive; certainly if he had, they would have been remembered ſooner than his groats, as an increaſe to that favourite's other crimes, as we know that the coinage of groats compoſed one of the articles of his impeachment.

No.

No. 28, is a very eſteemable Groat, weight 46 Grains, ſtruck at *Tournay* in *Flanders*, ſoon after the Conqueſt of that City which was in the Year 1513. There is an other of a different Type, minted at the ſame Place, (which is full as ſcarce) on the one ſide the King's Arms are Crown'd, on the Other, is the Old Croſs with a double Roſe in the Center, with the date 1513, in the Legend, which is nearly the ſame as No. 28.

No. 31, is a very curious and ſcarce Coin, called by ſome a Crown of this King, the Weight nearly approaches four Teſtons, (viz. 480 Grains) there is one in the *Bodleian* Collection but much worn, that of Lord *Pembroke*'s, and one other that we have ſeen, is much better preſerved.

We here cloſe our deſign, which we have endeavoured to compleat with as much Circumſpection, as poſſible, it now remains for us only to add, that our unbiaſſed attention to render theſe Obſervations as perfect, as the Conciſeneſs to which we have confined our ſelves would admit of, has however, neceſſarily compell'd us occaſionally and not otherwiſe, to explode a few Errors which have crept into the Works of ſome Authors who have obliged the World with their Sentiments on this Subject, nevertheleſs as we profeſs a ſincere Regard for their Works being on the Whole extreamly Uſeful and Inſtructive. We are very far from depreciating the Merit of any, to Exalt our Own, and we perſuade ourſelves they will pardon the Liberty we have ſometimes taken, as we ſhall always be ready to retract our Sentiments whenever they are found to be erroneous.

F I N I S.

NUMMI ARGENTEI.

This Plate of Ancient & Singular Coins, w^ch were lately found near & in the Isle of Thanet, is presented to the curious Collectors of English Money, by John White; in hopes that it may be a means of discovering by Whom, in what Age, or part of Europe they were minted.

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